



## New island archdeacon

**BISHOP Jonathan has appointed the Ven Barry Dugmore to be the new Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight – and it feels like he is coming home.**

**Barry had a previous career selling pharmaceuticals and medical devices in this area, which included trips around the Isle of Wight. He and his wife Suzanne were part of a worship band at St John’s Church, Locks Heath.**

**He was then ordained and served at St Wilfrid’s, Cowplain, and in Whiteley, before heading to Exeter in 2007. He has been Archdeacon Missioner in the Diocese of Coventry since 2019, and is expecting to be licensed here on May 31.**



## Newport toddler group

A TODDLER group hosted by St John’s, Newport, is now more than 40 years old. Chatterbox Mother and Toddler Group, which is held on Mondays in term time, is led by a loyal group of volunteers from the congregation.

Around 18-20 babies and young children attend regularly with their carers, and children can play on climbing frames, small trampolines, with the kitchen or workbench, draw and solve jigsaws for around an hour. Then it’s snack time with their ‘froggy’ bowls.

At Christmas and Easter most of the group go into church for a short service and a song. And there’s always a Leavers’ Service each July.



## Praying over breakfast

CIVIC, community and church leaders heard about resolving conflict at the fourth annual Portsmouth Prayer Breakfast.

They gathered in Portsmouth’s Guildhall to hear from professional mediator Emma Jenkins (pictured above) about ‘the beauty of conflict’. She was able to talk about how her Christian faith influences the work she does. Invited guests enjoyed breakfast together in the Lord Mayor’s Banqueting Hall, and were also able to pray and worship.



## Alex to be a bishop

**A FORMER bishop’s chaplain and Portsmouth parish priest is to become a bishop himself.**

**The Ven Alex Hughes is to become the Bishop of Brixworth, in the Diocese of Peterborough. Alex (pictured, right, with Bishop Christopher) was chaplain to the then Bishop of Portsmouth Kenneth Stevenson from 2003-08, and vicar of St Peter’s and St Luke’s, Southsea from 2008. He is currently Archdeacon of Cambridge in the Diocese of Ely. He will be consecrated in July.**