



Joint vicars step down

THE Revs Mike and Nicky-Sue Terry have announced they'll step down from their roles at St Mary's, Hook-with-Warsash, from September. Mike will retire and Nicky-Sue will resign 12 years after their appointment as joint priests-in-charge and 13 years since they arrived as interim curates.

They said: "The years have flown by and have brought us much joy as we have served the Lord with and among our much-loved church family in this wonderful parish. We are deeply grateful to our gracious God and to colleagues, parishioners and friends near and far for being on this journey of faith with us."



New Pride in Place chairs

TWO Portsmouth priests have been appointed as independent chairs to lead neighbourhood boards.

The Ven Bob White, Archdeacon of Portsdown and vicar of St Mary's, Fratton, (*above right*) will lead the Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board in Landport, while the Rev Hugo Deadman, vicar of Paulsgrove, (*above left*) will lead the Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board there.

They were appointed by Portsmouth City Council, working closely with local MPs. The boards will shape how £20m of long-term government investment will be used in each place, working on priorities with residents, partners and local organisations.



Help to work with youth

DOES your parish struggle to engage with young people? Your vicar could qualify to take part in our free Youthscape course that offers practical training in how to launch youthwork in churches.

Already 16 incumbents have taken part in this Youthscape Launchpad training. A new, five-session course starts on September 17 and could offer insights, strategies and confidence to help you take the first step. Contact Heather Powney on heather.powney@portsmouth.anglican.org for details.



Our Paddington project

PUPILS from CofE schools around the diocese are taking part in our diocese's annual education project - which relates to Paddington Bear.

The 'Bags of Hope' project will help them to learn about displaced refugees - as Paddington was. Pupils will fill in luggage labels that illustrate the work they've been doing in school. Among them are pupils from Wickham CofE Primary (*pictured above*).

The project will come to a climax when pupils come to Leavers' Services in our cathedral in July.