

Chimes is up for a major award

THE *Pompey Chimes* has been named as one of the best regional religious publications in the country.

The diocesan newspaper has been short-listed in that category in the prestigious Andrew Cross Awards.

The awards, which recognise the best in religious broadcasting, newspapers, magazines and websites, are presented at the annual Churches' Media Conference, which will be held later this month.

The *Pompey Chimes* is one of three publications nominated in the category of best regional religious periodical, alongside the diocesan magazine produced by the Southwell Anglican diocese and the Good News for Norwich newspaper.

Pompey Chimes

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Why rain won't stop pray

VILLAGERS marked Hambledon's status as the cradle of cricket as they unveiled a giant scoreboard to keep track of their church roof appeal.

Around 300 people came to the launch of the 'Stop the Rot' appeal, which aimed to raise a further £94,000 for urgent repair work to the roof of St Peter and St Paul's Church.

The event involved the unveiling of a scoreboard to show how much had been raised, marking the village's heritage as the place where cricket was born.

It also involved village criers, the chance to chuck a stuffed chorister over the roof and fancy dress.

Since then, a further £25,000 has been raised by an auction of promis-

es. Among other events still planned are a country fayre on June 19, with bouncy castles, a merry-go-round, magicians, Scottish and jive dancing.

The building work will cost £426,000 in total, of which £156,000 has already come from English Heritage. It will start this summer and should be completed by early next year.



Members of the fundraising committee in front of the scoreboard

Kairos cash is on the table

THOUSANDS of pounds will be available to help implement Kairos plans across our diocese.

Cash will be available to help kick-start individual projects that form part of each deanery's five-year plans. Those plans will be put together next year in the final stage of our four-phase Kairos process.

The money will come from savings made in the number of clergy deployed across the diocese, and from a fund allocated to us from the Church Commissioners to be spent on mission. It could go on the salary of a youth worker, the setting up of a community-based project, or a feasibility study for a building project placing the church at the heart of a community.

The Kairos process was launched by the bishop in February to re-examine the way our diocese looks at ministry, mission and resources. Worshippers are now completing the second phase of the four-phase process – studying the theology behind Kairos thinking.

The third phase starts next month, when representatives from each parish join together in clusters to start researching the social and spiritual needs of their communities – and what churches of all denominations can offer them.

That research phase will be launched this month in each of our three archdeaconries – on June 7 at Holy Trinity Church, Fareham; on June 14 at All Saints' Church, Denmead; and June 15 at St Thomas's

KAIROS
seizing God's moment for growth

KAIROS is a Greek word that suggests 'an opportune time' or 'the right time'.

The Kairos process is a chance for our diocese to look at new models for ministry and engagement with the community; the ministry the Church offers to its congregations and the wider world; and the management of our resources.

It aims to create a Church that has a BROADER base in

the community, encourages a DEEPER and more meaningful spiritual life for all; but is LEANER in its structures to react to changes in our world.

The goals are to:

- Identify the needs of the communities we serve.
- Identify the resources we have to meet those needs.
- Optimise, and re-deploy if necessary, our resources to meet those needs.

Church, Newport.

The fourth phase, which begins next January, involves clusters and deaneries drawing up detailed plans to try to meet the social and spiritual needs of their communities. It is at this stage that they may need financial help to pay for individual projects.

Because the number of people being ordained is falling nationally, our diocesan synod has already committed itself to reducing the overall number of clergy it deploys by 20 between now and 2015. This fits in with the Kairos thinking that ministry is the responsibility of all Christians, not just those who are ordained.

The next meeting of the diocesan synod, on June 19, will hear precise plans for how the reduced number of clergy will be allocated to each deanery. However, the money budgeted for each clergy person – up to £25,000 a year – will be available for each deanery to spend on Kairos projects.

The Ven Chris Lowson, chairman of the Diocesan Board of Ministry and the Kairos executive, said: "It's not that we can't afford to pay clergy – it's simply that fewer people are being ordained nationally. Our diocesan synod agreed that it would be wrong for us to be greedy and employ more clergy than we were allocated by the national Church.

"But, far from being a problem, this actually provides us with an

opportunity to spend the money we would have spent on clergy stipends on different forms of ministry. That's actually quite exciting, and we're hoping to see deaneries come up with very creative ways to spend that money when they draw up action plans next spring."

Deaneries, parishes and clusters of parishes will also be able to apply for a share of around £35,000 given by the Church Commissioners to our diocese for mission. This money will be available as pump-priming for individual Kairos projects, and can be used either as a grant or an interest-free loan.

Application forms are being circulated, and applications can be made to the Kairos manager. All applications will need to be accompanied by a project plan, funds will be allocated according to the merits of each project, but single applications for more than £5,000 are unlikely to be considered.

The Kairos manager, the Rev Mike Pye, said: "£35,000 might not sound like a lot, but we hope the money might be used several times, as shares are perhaps loaned out in year one, repaid in year two and then loaned out to someone else in year three. Those parishes, clusters or deaneries that can show they have found matched funding or are investing significant levels of commitment themselves are likely to be favoured."

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The donations will help with the £10,000 a week it takes to maintain the cathedral's fabric and ministry.



The new donorpoint machine