

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR-PART TIME

St Mary's Church Portchester

Based in Church office, Portchester Parish hall. The job will be 25 hours per week, office hours being 9 am to 12.30 pm Monday to Friday. Others hours assisting services etc evenings and weekends.

Please apply in writing to Rev Michael Cooper
The Vicarage, 164 Castle Street, Portchester. PO16 9QH

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**WEST LEIGH:**

When teacher Bismark Antwi arrived at St Alban's C of E Primary School in West Leigh, he was shocked.

In his home country, Ghana, such high-quality facilities are available only to university students, rather than four to 11-year-olds. The 35-year-old came to Britain for a week as part of an exchange organised by our Inter-Diocesan West Africa Link (IDWAL) with Ghana.

St Alban's head-teacher Alice Wood also visited Bismark's school - St Andrew's in Asesewa, in the Diocese of Koforidua - as part of the swap.

Bismark, who normally teaches maths, English and environmental studies to 12-15 year olds, said: "The facilities here are excellent, and are comparable to the facilities at one of our universities.

"The children also ask a lot of questions, and they are also neat and obedient. I've been teaching them about the geography and culture of Ghana using a big map and some craft items from Ghana."



Bismark Antwi shows off Ghanaian craft at St Alban's Primary School

**the school
report**

Mrs Wood, who went to Ghana for 12 days with a group from Hayling Island, could vouch for Bismark's assessment.

"At his school, there was no running water and three children didn't have notebooks or pens," she said. "Then we went to Takrose, where conditions were even worse.

"They couldn't afford a teacher for the younger pupils. The school was a mud hut with a corrugated iron roof and no walls. And there was nothing to

stimulate the children's imagination. But the children were very keen to learn."

She hopes St Alban's can help fundraise for the school at Takrose.

SANDOWN: Staff and governors at Sandown C of E Primary School are celebrating after government inspectors praised their leadership.

The team from the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) said standards were

good, and leadership and management were very good at the Grove Road school. The report also praised pupils' attitudes and behaviour and found the teaching and assessment was good.

The diocesan inspection also said the school offered a safe and happy environment, with much to commend it.

Headteacher Diane Christopher said: "I am thrilled with the outcome of our latest Ofsted inspection. The diocesan inspection, which was carried out simultaneously, was equally glowing and there were no recommendations for improvements."

STAFF URGENTLY NEEDED**>Dairy Supervisor**

Gilead Foundations is looking for an exceptional person to take responsibility as supervisor of our dairy production unit. This will involve overall control of a milk processing and packaging operation as well as on-the-job training and supervision of students at Gilead.

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Production experience preferred but not necessary as training will be given. Salary approx £20k p.a.

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Cornerstone Vision, 28 Old Park Road,
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BOTTLE**

NEWPORT: Choir members are needed for a new Christian musical based on the lives of the first believers and how the good news about Jesus spread rapidly.

Rehearsals for *Wildfire* by Roger Jones will start this month. June Cox from St John's Church will lead the choir on July 14 and 21, and on September 8, 15 and 22 at 7.30pm at St John's.

Singers of all ages are encouraged to take part. If you sign up now, you can order your music score at a 10 per cent discount. Contact Tricia Carter on 01983-868054 for more details.

NITON: Worshippers at St John the Baptist Church, Niton, threw a

**news from
the pews**

surprise party to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the ordination of their rector, the Rev Sandra Lloyd.

They managed to keep it secret from her, although their plans were initially thrown into disarray when Sandra announced she wouldn't be at Evensong on the appropriate night. Churchwarden Vernon Amey had to enlist the support of Sandra's husband to ensure she took that service.

More than 100 people heard her speak of her delight that people who had been in the cathedral on her ordination day had

returned for the service. She was given a presentation bowl, commissioned from Isle of Wight Glass.

SOUTHSEA: A churchwarden from St Luke's Church, Southsea, will become the diocese's new representative on a national organisation that represents Anglicans from ethnic minorities.

Apollo Tutesigensi will be our delegate on the Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns (CMEAC), taking over from Nell Wycherley, a Reader at St Mary's, Portchester.

"The group will be looking at strategic issues that concern ethnic minority Anglicans," he said.

Those with concerns for him to raise can contact him on atutesigensi@hotmail.com or 023-9273 7058.

WEST WIGHT: The amount raised by the Lenten Brunches organised by Churches Together in West Wight has broken all previous records.

The ecumenical get-togethers on Saturday mornings during Lent raised money for Christian Aid, the holiday Bible club and the Isle of Wight Christian Bus service.

Cheques for £1,505 have now been sent to each of the three organisations.