

# Board's support is under review

**IT'S a chance for worshippers and church schools to say what they think about the work of our board of education.**

Bishop Kenneth has asked a team of external consultants, headed by the Church of England's chief education officer Canon John Hall, to help the board review its work.

They will focus on how far its support of schools and parishes matches diocesan and national expectations, especially with reference to the bishop's Kairos process.

As part of that work, Canon John Hall is asking those who have been on diocesan courses, who work in church schools, or who have been given advice on working with children and young people, to say what they think about the support they received.

The team will be talking to people around the diocese and seeing the work of the board for themselves on October 6-8. Schools, parishes and individuals can make their own comments by writing to: Canon John Hall, Church of England Board of Education, Church House, Great Smith Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3NZ, ideally by October 1.

The board has also engaged Lucy Moore, who works in churches and schools for the Bible Reading Fellowship, to help out with some of the work previously done by our adviser in children's and youth work. The diocese has not yet replaced the Rev Karina Green, who stood down from that post last year.

As well as training in how to use the Kairos children's materials (*see panel, above right*), she will also be offering training during the autumn in three other areas.

Lucy will talk at three venues about 'Making the most of Advent and Christmas celebrations' with children and their families - on October 6 at St Paul's church hall, Barton; on October 12 in St Mark's church hall in North End; and on October 13 at St Francis church hall in Leigh Park.

It will be a chance to pick up new ideas and resources relating to art and craft, nativity plays, one-off fun days and Christmas parties.

She will also lead a session on 'Praying the Lord's Prayer with children' on three occasions - on October 21 at Shalfleet hall, Shalfleet; on November 3 at St John's study centre, Shedfield; and on November 15 at Cathedral House

## Now Kairos is kids' stuff

THERE'S a new way to engage with the theology behind our Kairos project. It involves walking around blindfold, listening to stories about smelly sheep and letting off party poppers!

This is the Kairos study material for children and young people, which is now available. It has been specially written by Lucy Moore of Bible Reading Fellowship, and the youth team working in the parishes of Liphook and Bramshott.

It can all be downloaded now from the diocesan website: [www.portsmouth.anglican.org](http://www.portsmouth.anglican.org) (click on 'Info', then 'Kairos', then 'Downloads').

The idea is to use activities, games, visual aids and stories to explore the theology behind our bishop's Kairos process. The six Kairos study sessions are presented in three different formats - for the under-11s, 11 to 14-year-olds and 14 to 18-year-



olds - and can be used in Sunday School, children's groups or youth groups.

Free training for those who work with children and would like to use the material aimed at the under-11s will also be on offer this month.

Lucy Moore will lead sessions on Monday 27 September at Trinity Middle School in Newport; on Wednesday 29 September at the Paterson Centre, Swanmore; and on Tuesday 5 October at Cathedral House in Portsmouth. All sessions will start at 7.30pm.

"These activities are the kind of things that are often much easier to do than to explain on paper," she said.

"Children's leaders might find it helpful to come and see them being done and join in themselves, so they can then do the same things with children with real confidence.

"There will also be the chance for them to swap other ideas about useful resources and share feedback on what works and what doesn't."

Participants can book by contacting Kay Lancaster on 023-9282 2053 or [education.kay@portsmouth.anglican.org](mailto:education.kay@portsmouth.anglican.org). Copies of the material to use with under-11s will also be given out at the sessions.

Anyone who can't come and can't download the material themselves can ring Kay for copies on the same number.



Lucy Moore

in Portsmouth. Lucy will explore praying through objects, movement, Godly play and the senses.

And there will be sessions on 'Godly play', which is an open-ended approach to Biblical storytelling that is proving popular.

Share what you know about it and try out new materials on November 17 at St Mark's church hall, Wootton; on November 22 at St Peter's church hall, Petersfield; or at Holy Rood parish centre in Stubbington on November 29.

Lucy's sessions all happen from 7.30pm and 9.30pm, and each costs £3.50. To book, contact Kay Lancaster on 023-9282 2053 or [education.kay@portsmouth.anglican.org](mailto:education.kay@portsmouth.anglican.org)



Alex Naylor and Finni Golden - alias Nelson and Emma - will plant the first bulbs for the cathedral's Trafalgar crocus carpet

## Extra-special guests plant first crocuses

PICTURE the scene: the naval hero, Admiral Lord Nelson, striding past our cathedral, waving to the crowds before setting sail on September 14, 1805 on HMS Victory.

It was his last memory of Portsmouth before his death at the Battle of Trafalgar that October.

That's why we're marking next year's bi-centenary of the battle with a carpet of crocuses along the High Street, following the route he took that day.

And guess who's turning up to plant the first crocus on October 21 - Trafalgar Day - but Nelson himself,

## Stellar line-up in lecture series

SOME of the top names in the field of Christian spirituality will be coming to Bishop's Waltham for a series of autumn lectures on the subject.

Among the stellar line-up is Fr Gerard Hughes, who wrote the best-selling books *God of Surprises* and *God in Everything*, and Brother Samuel, the Franciscan minister general for Europe.

The former Bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt Rev Timothy Bavin, who is now part of a religious community in Alton, will also speak, as will Ann Lewin, a poet from Southampton.

Diocesan spirituality adviser the Rev Peter Lippiett, who will introduce the series, said: "They really have attracted some world class speakers, and this is a fantastic opportunity for people to discover more on this subject."

The deanery autumn lectures start on October 12 at 8pm in the Paterson Centre, Swanmore, and continue there on the following five Tuesdays.

For full details, including how to book your place for the whole series, see page 11.

with his lover, Lady Emma Hamilton!

It will actually be cathedral members Alex Naylor and Finni Golden, on the first of many engagements posing as the couple over the next year.

Alex will tell the crowds that the crocuses symbolise all of those lost in the Battle of Trafalgar, regardless of nationality.

"The Napoleonic wars were the first genuine world wars and shaped the future of Europe," he said.

"But this bicentenary is not a celebration of military victory, but a chance to commemorate all who took part."