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TITCHFIELD:

Bishop Kenneth will help mark closer ties between St Peter's Church and Titchfield Primary School this month.

He will be at a special service of celebration on November 1 to mark the affiliation of the school to the Church of England. It will formalise links that already exist between the two.

The vicar, the Rev Bill Day, said: "We believe there is a common core of shared Christian values between church and school. Making them more apparent speaks of these values and proclaims them as a driving force that underpins all that happens at Titchfield Primary.

"The school is not about to become a church school, but affiliated to the Church, which will enable both school and church to explore the benefits of closer ties."

The All Saints' Day service will also involve our diocesan director of education, Canon David Isaac, as well as church members, and children, staff and parents from the school.

COWES: There was a real 'Kairos moment'



Cowes worshippers celebrating harvest in the Kingston Arms

news from the pews

in Cowes, when worshippers decided to take church to the people, rather than expecting the people to come to church.

The congregation from St Faith's Church decided to hold their Harvest thanksgiving and patronal festival in the local pub, the Kingston Arms. They built on links they already had with the owners, made through a baptism and a wedding.

The event was followed by a bring-and-share harvest supper and attracted other worshippers from the four Anglican churches in the Cowes group.

Reader John Garrett said: "It was refreshing to see folk

singing lusty harvest hymns with a pint of beer in their hands!"

CATHEDRAL: What makes you tick? How is it that others see and do things so differently from you? How can God's diverse people understand each other better?

The answers may come at a Myers-Briggs basic workshop in January, offered by the cathedral education forum and the diocesan spirituality network.

Facilitators Marion Syms and Carole Wynn will offer new insights between January 28-30. Contact them on 01243-373409 or 023-9242 1448 respectively for more.

WARSASH: There were some striking paintings on display at St Mary's Church in Warsash last month.

As part of its harvest celebration of creativity, the church decided to showcase work by Southampton artist Barry Davis that had been inspired by Biblical narratives.

The exhibition was launched at a reception in the church that attracted 70 people.

The event included a recital by Paul Hart on the trumpet and Elizabeth Le Grove on the organ. CDs of their music recorded at Portsmouth Cathedral were also sold.

Children from Hook-with-Warsash Primary School were among those who visited the church to see the artwork. His drawing of St Mary's is also featured on the parish's magazine.



The Harvest display at St Alban's C of E Primary School

GOSPORT: Staff, children, parents and governors are celebrating after a glowing Ofsted report at a Gosport church school.

Inspectors said children at St John's C of E Primary in Grove Road behaved well, developed as mature and sensible individuals and achieved well too.

The 450-pupil

school provided a good quality education, with 'inspirational' leadership from the headteacher. And, even though up to 50 per cent of pupils in some year groups had spe-

cial needs, children had made good academic progress.

Headteacher Joy Lowman said: "Everyone at the school has worked so hard to make St John's

a place where children can flourish, and the report highlights that."

WEST LEIGH: Fair trade and harvest in other countries were the themes of the Harvest festival at St Alban's C of E Primary School.

Year 6 pupils performed a sketch about the differences between their resources and the resources of children in their link school in Ghana. And pupils from Year 2 performed a Jewish Harvest dance.

Children were sponsored to grow runner beans for Dr Barnardos. Donated food was sent to the Two Saints centre in Portsmouth to help feed homeless people.

the school report