

Drumhead event to mark sacrifice

BISHOP Kenneth will this month lead 10,000 people in an open-air act of worship to remember those killed in maritime conflict.

He will lead an International Drumhead Ceremony on Southsea Common as part of a unique series of events designed to mark 200 years since the Battle of Trafalgar.

The special ceremony on June 29 will be attended by HRH the Duke of York and HRH Prince Michael of Kent. It will give maritime veterans from around the UK and abroad the chance to reflect on the personal sacrifice of war and service – and allow them to meet old shipmates.

The bishop will be joined by other church leaders and representatives of other faiths for the service, which will start at 11am next to the war memorial. There will be significant involvement for youngsters in the service, including displays of artwork and creative objects used in the 'Veterans in Schools' projects.

The finale will include a steam past by a Royal Navy aircraft carrier and a fly past of former and modern military aircraft ranging from the Spitfire to the Sea Harrier.

Bishop Kenneth said: "It is an honour to be asked to lead such a service. While the bicentenary of the Battle of Trafalgar gives us the chance to focus on the life and death of Admiral Lord Nelson, we shouldn't forget how many other men and women from around the

Remembering another 'Horatio Nelson'



The Rev Ron Paterson points out the name of Marcel Tourment, otherwise known as 'Horatio Nelson' on Southsea's war memorial

THERE'S another Horatio Nelson we'll be remembering on June 29. He wasn't the famous one, but a French engine room artificer who died in 1944.

His real name is Marcel Tourment, but he acquired the nickname and it was added to his name on the Southsea war memorial.

He served on a landing craft skippered by Ron Paterson - now a retired priest who lives in Bishop's Waltham - but he was killed in France at the age of 34.

world have laid down their lives in maritime conflict."

The service will be a 'drumhead' ceremony, the kind of service that traditionally takes place on the battlefield. Drummers pile their drums in the shape of a pyramid and drape it with their regimental colours to form an altar.

The service will happen between two fantastic spectacles designed to mark 200 years since Admiral Lord Nelson won the Battle of Trafalgar. On June 28, ships from more than 40 of the world's navies will take part in the International Fleet Review in the Solent. Bishop Kenneth, who is part-Danish, has been invited to board the new Danish transport

ship Espern Snare during the review.

And from June 30 until July 3, the International Festival of the Sea will include the chance to board visiting warships and see thousands of artists, entertainers and musicians bring our maritime heritage to life.

On the Isle of Wight, the Rev Nick Wallace, who is padre to the Ryde branch of the Royal Naval Association, will lead a drumhead service near the bandstand on Ryde seafront at 7.30pm on June 28. He will be assisted by Fr Jonathan Redvers Harris, chaplain to the sea cadets corps unit in Ryde. The lord lieutenant and other dignitaries will be present at the event, which has

been organised by the RNA and Royal British Legion.

"There may be 50,000 in Ryde that night, so we don't know quite how many to expect for the service," said Nick. "The congregation will be facing the Solent so they have full view of the military ships lined up for inspection."

Our cathedral will also host a service to remember those from all sides who died in the Battle of Trafalgar as part of the Trafalgar Heroes weekend, which happens from October 14-16.

Further details on the International Drumhead Ceremony and other Trafalgar 200 events can be found on the website: www.trafalgar200.com.

Chaplains to swop ideas in Sweden

CLERGY and health professionals from the Isle of Wight will find out more about hospital chaplaincy in Sweden in a three-day visit.

The group, which includes chaplains to hospitals and hospices, will visit Stockholm between May 30 and June 2. It will be the return leg of an exchange that initially involved three hospital chaplains from the Stockholm diocese touring hospitals here last October.

The group includes the Rev Gregory Clifton-Smith, senior chaplain at St Mary's Hospital, and chaplain to the Earl Mountbatten Hospice on the island, and his wife Robbie, a midwife and nurse. They will be joined by the Rev Michael Johnston, who is also a chaplain at St Mary's Hospital, and his wife Cynthia, who is a radiographer; and the Rev Grenda Hurt, who has just stepped down from her chaplaincy positions at both hospice and hospital.

During their visit, they will visit four hospitals - the Huddinge Universitetssjukhus, Sodersjukhuset, Karolinska Sjukhuset and Osterakersanstalten Sjukhuset - and the hospice, Stockholms Sjukhem.

Mike Johnston, who is also chaplain to Kingston Prison in Portsmouth, will also be visiting the Kronobergshakket prison there. The group will all spend some time with Bishop Caroline Krook, who is an ecumenical canon of our cathedral.

The exchange with the Stockholm diocese began because of our links with Scandinavia under the Porvoo Agreement.

Teenagers' spiritual nourishment with archbishop



Adam Latham-Smith and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams

IT was a big day for Adam Latham-Smith when he met the Archbishop of Canterbury during a youth day at Lambeth Palace.

The teenager, from St Matthew's Church, Blackmoor, was one of 10 from our diocese who travelled to London on May 7.

The day, which was entitled 'Food for the Journey', helped them examine both the Bible and Holy Communion as spiritual nourishment.

It involved chances for silent reflection, discussion, lunch, and a Eucharist celebrated by Dr Rowan Williams

in his 13th century chapel. Seventy youngsters from dioceses in the south of England were invited.

Lizzie Rickwood, from St Peter's, Bishop's Waltham, said: "The energy of everyone when worshipping was extreme. It nearly blew me away. The Archbishop was friendly and youth-oriented."

Angela Rackett, from St John's, Ryde, said: "It was very thought-provoking. It was good to have some time set aside for individual reflection and discussion."

It was the second such youth day that Dr Williams

has hosted, and was open to youngsters from dioceses between Oxford and Canterbury.

Dr Williams said: "I was greatly impressed by the varied and perceptive creativity in the young people's responses to the issues raised about attitudes to the Bible and to Holy Communion."

"Although many were initially strangers to each other, they jumped quickly and deeply into the flow of the day and produced some very innovative and challenging reflections on where they were both personally and corporately in

their journeys of faith."

The others from our diocese to make the trip were Nicola Dempsey, from East Meon; Sarah Jamieson, from St Mary's, Fratton; Caroline Pendelton, from St John's, Locks Heath; Alexander Sherwood, from St Peter's Titchfield; Christopher Tait, from St James', Clanfield; Ben Taylor, from St Thomas and St John's Newport; and Scott Wheeler, from St Mark's Wootton.

They were led by youth and children's work adviser Ben Mizen, and the Rev Kath Abbott, from Wootton.