



Bishop Daniel shares a cuppa with Mary Kelsey, who chairs the outreach (IDWAL) committee of Buriton PCC

Bishop's visit seals our links

IT was a chance to seal links with Ghanaian friends over six days of worship and fellowship.

The Petersfield deanery is linked to the Cape Coast diocese in Ghana as part of our diocese's IDWAL links with West Africa. Three visitors from Cape Coast spent time in the deanery after exploring similar links with the Diocese of Edinburgh.

Bishop Daniel Allotey, the Ven Ebenezer Annan and Dr Albert Addo-Quaye, who chairs the Cape Coast Board of

Education, met IDWAL representatives at a bring-and-share supper. They expressed their gratitude for deepening friendships and financial support.

Bishop Daniel preached and celebrated Eucharist at St Mary's, Buriton. He thanked worshippers for giving almost £5,000 to support initiatives in the village of Dominase, and chatted to residents afterwards.

Archdeacon Ebenezer celebrated and preached at Steep, where the congregation was joined by those from Froxfield.

He thanked those who had helped pay for the building of a school in Foso parish. Another £300 was given on the day, and a bring-and-share lunch held after the service.

The archdeacon also visited 15 worshippers from West Meon and Warnford. He had been the priest in Winneba, the parish West Meon is linked with, so could talk about progress there.

The deanery is planning another visit to Cape Coast, probably in summer 2007.

Hear how hostilities affect Iraqi Christians

THE vicar of a church in war-torn Iraq will tell an audience in Denmead next month about his experiences.

Canon Andrew White (pictured right), vicar of St George's, Baghdad, will speak at All Saints' Church, Denmead on June 8.



The Anglican church in Baghdad is one of two projects supported by the Bishop's Lent Appeal for 2006. St George's is protected by armed guards 24 hours a day.

The event has been organised by the our diocese's Mothers' Union branch, as Andrew is an MU member himself. Entitled 'Searching for Peace in the Hostility of Iraq', it starts at 7.30pm.

Free parking and refreshments are available.

Give real impact to your publicity

A NEW book that aims to help your publicity for church events and activities goes on sale this month.

100 Ways To Get Your Church Noticed is the latest book by diocesan communications adviser Neil Pugmire. It details ways to improve your noticeboards, websites, parish magazines, posters and leaflets to achieve maximum impact.

It also discusses ideas about getting involved in your local community to help spread a word-of-mouth reputation for your church, based on some of the Kairos projects that have been implemented in our diocese.

There are also sections about creating a communications strategy, designing a parish logo, mak-

ing your church building look more welcoming and communicating effectively with those in the congregation. The book draws on Neil's experience in offering advice to parishes in our diocese over the past five years.

An accompanying website – www.getyourchurchnoticed.com – is also being created to showcase photographs and publicity ideas that didn't make it into the book. It also provides a way for people to submit ideas of their own. Examples of good practice from across our diocese have been included in both the book and on the website.

"One of the things I noticed when I was asked to give advice to parishes was that the most recent resources available were at least 10 years old," said Neil. "There was obviously little or nothing in those books about websites, digital photos, modern desk-top publishing methods, text messaging, podcasting or creating DVDs.

"Society has also moved on hugely in those 10 years. We've become even busier, advertising, marketing and design has become even more important, and – sadly – some of the ways that the Church uses to communicate simply don't work any more. Even committed church members may not take in everything they hear and see from their parishes, just because there's so much more

going on.

"I thought it would be good if there was something on the market that addressed some of these issues, as well as the more traditional methods such as noticeboards, parish magazines and posters. The website is a way of showing that I don't have all the answers – it's designed to be interactive so that others can contribute ideas too."

The book is being published by Kingsway, and should be available in Christian bookshops from May 5, or via www.kingsway.co.uk. It is normally priced at £8.99, but *Pompey Chimes* readers can take advantage of an exclusive special offer. They can get 10 per cent off the price of the book if they take the voucher (printed below) to their local Christian bookshop.

All those in our diocese are taking part in this promotion – Acorn Books in Palmerston Road, Southsea; A Word to the Wise, in Tangier Road, Copnor; Castle Books in High Street, Newport; The Well in West Street, Fareham; Cornerstone Books in Bemister Lane, Gosport; Unity Bookshop in Folly Lane, Petersfield; the cath-



Neil Pugmire

edral bookshop and J Source in the Meridian Centre, Havant.

Neil's other books are drama and worship resources – *50 Seasonal Sketches*, *The Adventures of the J Team*, for holiday clubs and *Launchpad*, for family services.

● Details of how to obtain the two books reviewed in April's edition of the *Pompey Chimes* were omitted. *No Other God* by Liz Nice, from St Mary's, Portchester, is available from Christian bookshops and direct from Myrtle Books, 42 The Keep, Portchester, PO16 9PR.

Jerusalem or Athens by Peter Watkins, from St Peter's, Bishop's Waltham, is available from the cathedral bookshop, or from Peter at 7 Crofton Way, Swanmore, SO3 2RF, priced at £10.

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