



Mary Makin

Help with financial issues is available

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Mary Makin has started work as our parish finance adviser, taking over part of the role filled by former parish resources adviser Gordon Uphill.

The 47-year-old mum spends two days a week working for our diocese, and two days a week teaching at Portsmouth University. She's also studying for professional qualifications and is PCC treasurer at St Peter's Church, Hayling Island.

"I think it will be useful doing the treasurer's job as well as supporting other treasurers, as it will give me a real appreciation of the problems of the job," she said. "I'm expecting to be the main point of contact for any queries treasurers have, and plan to continue with the regular newsletter, addressing new issues and clarifying grey areas for parishes."

Contact her on 023-9289 9655 (Wednesday and Fridays) or on mary.makin@portsmouth.anglican.org. A new stewardship adviser will also be appointed soon to take over another part of Gordon's role.

Schools praised as the very best

TWO of the Isle of Wight's church schools have been recognised as among the best around.

Ofsted inspectors praised the quality of education on offer at both Trinity C of E Middle School and Newport C of E Primary School, both based in Newport.

Trinity Middle School became the first school on the island to be named as 'outstanding' overall. In eight key areas, including achievement, personal development, leadership, care and support for pupils, and the curriculum, it was also declared to be outstanding.

According to the inspectors, the 372-pupil school was successfully nurturing pupils' talents and attitudes so they could develop independence, skills and respect. They also noticed the strong spiritual and social awareness that came out of the tangible Christian ethos of the school.

They were impressed by the leadership of headteacher Pat Goodhead, and said her vision and commitment were shared by staff. Pupils enjoyed lessons and made excellent progress, and they were given outstanding care, guidance and support via schemes such as pupil mentors and reading buddies. Behaviour was excellent and contact with parents was very good.

Mrs Goodhead said: "This is a very rare achievement for a school



Children from Newport Primary School on their celebration day and rightly places us among the best in the country."

As revealed in the last edition of the *Pompey Chimes*, the school is now exploring the possibility of a merger with the neighbouring Archbishop King RC Middle School to create a single Christian school by September 2008.

Children at Newport C of E Primary School in nearby Carisbrooke Meadows enjoyed a celebration day after Ofsted inspectors told them how good their school was.

The circus-themed day involved pupils dressing as clowns and ballerinas, watching

circus performers, and learning how to do balancing tricks, juggle and use diabolos and devil sticks.

Inspectors highlighted the outstanding leadership, curriculum and personal development at the school. Children were learning faster than many other pupils, behaved well and enjoyed being at school. Teaching was effective in all year groups and the care, guidance and support for pupils was good.

They also praised headteacher Linda Windsor, whose leadership was "inspirational" and had led to the creation of a very effective management structure. Governors also carried out outstanding work in visiting and supporting the school, and parents were consulted regularly.

Mrs Windsor said: "We wanted to hold the celebration day to celebrate the report and say thank you to the children who have been superb."

Mixed outcome to funding bids for interfaith projects

ONLY one of the two interfaith projects based in our diocesan offices has been given funding for the next year.

Portsmouth Interfaith Forum, which brings together those representing different faiths from around the city, was given no Home Office money from the Faith Communities Capacity Building Fund for 2007-8.

The decision makes it unlikely that Taki Jaffer can continue his post as forum co-ordinator in the long term.

But Interfusion, the youth diversity forum co-ordinated by Sue Ganter, was given £17,930 of the £24,640 it bid for. The 10 youngsters who make up the executive group are currently looking for additional funding elsewhere.

Taki, who was appointed a year ago, will continue in his post on a part-time basis until the end of June after some funding was secured from a local source - the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund.



Taki Jaffer

He said: "I applied for enough for a full-time post, but was declined funding on a technicality. We have put in an appeal, but are now looking at alternative sources of funding.

"The forum will continue, but everyone else is voluntary and whether it will achieve as much in terms of community cohesion without this post is unlikely.

"The difference it has made is in bringing people from different faith communities together for the first time, and bringing awareness of faith



Sue Ganter

issues to a wider population, including at the highest levels."

The award was made to Interfusion on the basis that it would expand its work further by recruiting more members over the next 12 months.

"The fact that we've got this award is a credit to the young people themselves, because they were part of putting the bid together," said Sue. "What's exciting about the group is that it's led by them and I just co-ordinate it. This funding will enable that work to continue and develop."

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