

# THE BRIDGE



Bishop  
Christopher's  
**Call to  
Mission**

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## Jubilate everybody!



*What do you do if rain threatens to spoil your Jubilee street party? In Charlwood, you bring it into the church, that's what! For more Jubilee stories and photos turn to pages 4,5 & 6*

## Church school creates green space

A GARDEN for the pupils of St John's & St Clement's Church of England Primary School in East Dulwich, was formally opened by Bishop Christopher, on Monday 18 June.

The school previously had no green space. But by demolishing unused outbuildings and using land from an adjacent house owned by the school, a space has been created for outdoor lessons and for the children to enjoy during break times.

Designed and planted by local garden designer Tim Mackley, it includes an outdoor classroom with an overhead sail shade, a compass, sundial, tree seat, arch, flower beds and Himalayan birch trees. Permeable surface materials

allow rainwater to drain away and all timber structures and furniture are made with wood from sustainable sources. Biodiversity is encouraged with log piles and plants to attract bees, butterflies and other wildlife.

Headteacher Sarah Alexander said; "It's hugely important for children to have access to green space and to connect with the natural world. The new garden aims to give pupils a stimulating environment in which to learn, play and discover".

The garden has been funded by the school and the Parent Teachers & Friends Association.

Grants are being sought for benches etc. to allow the garden to be used fully for outdoor classes.



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### URGENT - Support this Bill

A Private Members Bill to improve the regulation of the scrap metal trade (and so deter thefts from churches) comes before the House of Commons on 13 July.

The Bill provides for an enforceable licensing system for scrap yards, regularises the new ban on cash for scrap and requires taking photo IDs and keeping them for two years. It receives its 2nd reading on Friday 13 July, so now is the time to urge your MP to support it.

Further information is available on the ChurchCare website [www.churchcare.co.uk/about-us/campaigns/news-items/new-scrap-metal-bill](http://www.churchcare.co.uk/about-us/campaigns/news-items/new-scrap-metal-bill)