

Saturday 4 December

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (10am-12noon): *Table top sale.*

WATERLOOVILLE, St George's Church, St George's Walk (10am-2.30pm): *Grand Christmas bazaar.* Stalls, sideshows, Father Christmas. Entry: 20p.

PURBROOK, St John's church hall, London Road (1pm-4pm): *Christmas craft fair.* Quality locally-produced crafts, preserves and ideas for Christmas. Contact: Kate Mew (swiflymew@aol.com).

COWES, Royal Yacht Squadron Pavilion, Queens Road (2pm-4pm): *Holy Trinity Church Christmas fair.* Stalls, raffle, tombola and refreshments. Admission: 20p.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm): *Concert.* By Portsmouth Schools' Music Service.

PORTSMOUTH, Guildhall, Guildhall Walk (7.30pm): *Music at Christmas concert.* By Milton Glee Club, with the Band of HM Royal Marines, and Havant Clarinet and Saxophone Choir. Tickets: £3-£8.50, on 023-9243 1198.

Sunday 5 December

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (2.30pm): *St John Ambulance carol service.*

PORTSMOUTH, Guildhall, Guildhall Walk (2.30pm): *Music at Christmas concert.* By Milton Glee Club, with the Band of HM Royal Marines, and Havant Clarinet and Saxophone Choir. Tickets: £3-£8.50, on 023-9243 1198.

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (3pm): *The News' carol service.* Children's Christingle service.

Monday 6 December

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): *Advent carol service.* Speaker: Pat Parker. Ring 023-9283 3498 for tickets (£2.50). In aid of the Samaritans.

SOUTHWICK, Church of St James without the Priory Gate, High Street (7.30pm): *Christmas charity concert.* By the West End Choral Society. Admission free. Collection for the Rowans Hospice.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *The Leopold String Trio in concert.* Playing Beethoven, David Matthews and Mozart. Tickets available on 023-9284 3013.

Tuesday 7 December

NEWPORT, St John's Church, Drake Road (7.30pm): *'Looking to Christmas' concert.* By the Orpheus Singers, directed by Alan Burnett, accompanied by Keith Smith. Tickets: £5, children/students free.

Wednesday 8 December

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm): *Christian/Muslim evening to celebrate Jesus's birth.*

Thursday 9 December - Sunday 12 December

BRIGHSTONE, St Mary's Church; Wilberforce Hall; Brighstone Methodist Church; and MOTTISTONE, St Paul's Church (10am-5pm): *Christmas tree festival.* See page 5 for details.

Saturday 11 December

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet Day.* Led by the Rev John Preston. Please bring packed lunch. Drinks and tea provided. Cost: £5. Ring 9283 3498 to let the Sisters know you will be coming.

Good, clean fun for Christmas

IT'S back by popular demand! Portsmouth-based Christian group Top Cat Theatre Company are taking their family Christmas show *Scrub That Manger!* on tour around our diocese again this year.

It features a hygiene-conscious family trying to make sure their bed and breakfast place is dazzlingly clean. But when Mary, Joseph and some shepherds arrive, their plans are thrown into chaos.

More than 1,000 adults and children enjoyed the show last year, which tells the traditional Nativity story in a fresh way to emphasise Jesus's humble beginnings. Ticket prices vary according to venue. For details, see www.topcattheatre.com

LOCKS HEATH, St John's Church, Church Road (8pm): *Spirit café.* Relaxed evening of music, comedy and poetry.

Sunday 12 December

PORTSMOUTH, All Saints' Church, Commercial Road (3pm): *Carol service for those with special needs.* Please bring something for shared tea.

PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (4.30pm): *Nativity and carol service.* Celebration of Christmas with Landport young people.

Monday 13 December

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm): *Portsmouth University carol service.*

Wednesday 15 December

WHIPPINGHAM, St Mildred's Church, Beatrice Avenue (6.30pm): *Christmas celebration with the Island Friends of Royal Osborne.* Wine with Scottish shortbread, Christmas readings and carols. Tickets: £9, on 01983-281759.

Thursday 16 December

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm): *Light up a life.* Naomi House Children's Hospice carol service.

Saturday 18 December

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Christmas gala concert.* Sung by the cathedral choir.

Sunday 19 December

PORTSMOUTH, St Margaret's Church, Highland Road, Eastney (3.30pm): *Carol service.* Tea and mince pies in the parish centre afterwards.

Wednesday 22 December

BRIGHSTONE, St Mary's Church, Main Road (7.30pm): *One upon a*

TOUR DATES:

Saturday 4 December
HAYLING ISLAND, St Andrew's Church, Southwood Road Hayling Island (7pm): No booking required: just turn up.

Sunday 5 December
PORTSMOUTH, All Saints' Church, Commercial Road (4pm): Box office: 023-9229 3020.

Saturday 11 December
EASTLEIGH, Leigh Road ballroom, opposite The Point, Leigh Road (2pm & 4pm): Box office: 023-8061 3210.

Sunday 12 December
DENMEAD, All Saints' Church, Hambledon Road (9.30am): No booking required: just turn up. Combined with church's toy service.

Thursday 23 December
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Cathedral carol service.* Festival of lessons and carols with the cathedral choir.

Christmas Eve
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (4pm): *Children's crib service.* (11.30pm): *Midnight Eucharist.* Celebrated by Bishop Kenneth; preacher: the dean.

PORTSMOUTH, St Margaret's Church, Highland Road, Eastney (4pm): *Crib service and Christingle.* (11.30pm): *Midnight mass.*

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (6pm): *Nativity service.* (11.30pm): *Midnight mass.*

BROOK, St Mary's Church (5.30pm): *Christingle service.*

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (6pm): *Nativity service.* (11.30pm): *Midnight mass.*

Christmas Day

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral,



Hannah (Kizzy Harris) and Lambert the sheep in *Scrub That Manger!*

High Street (8am): *Holy Communion;* (9.30am): *Parish Eucharist;* (11am): *Sung Eucharist.* Celebrant and preacher: Bishop Kenneth; (4pm): *Said evening prayer.*

Boxing Day

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (8am): *Holy Communion;* (10.30am): *Sung Eucharist;* (4pm): *Carols round the crib.*

New Year's Eve

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm): *Taizé-style night prayer.*

Thursday 6 January

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Sung Eucharist for the Feast of Epiphany.*

announcements

Appointments:

The Rev Barry Dugmore, assistant curate, St Wilfrid's Church, Cowplain, to be licensed as minister of Whiteley conventional district and diocesan ecumenical officer on December 16.

The Rev Peter Jones, team chaplain in Portsmouth NHS Hospitals' Trust, to be University of Portsmouth chaplain and residentiary canon at Portsmouth Cathedral. He will be licensed on January 16.

The Rev Robert Green, senior chaplain, Royal School of Military Engineering and Chatham Garrison (Canterbury diocese) to be chaplain to St James without the Priory Gate, Southwick, and St Nicholas, Boarhunt. He will be licensed by the bishop on January 31.

Dates:

The Rev Roger Calder, to be licensed by the bishop as priest-in-charge, St Alban's, Copnor, and St Saviour's, Stamshaw, on January 7.

The Rev Karen Schmidt, to be licensed by the bishop as priest-in-charge, St John the Baptist, Purbrook, on January 31.

Correction:

The Rev Juliet Grace has retired as a chaplain/counsellor in adult mental health. She is continuing as part-time chaplain at Petersfield Hospital.

tours

MADEIRA: Eight-day trip as part of Rowans Hospice travel fundraising tours, from March 14-21. Four-star hotel on Atlantic Ocean, bedrooms with private balcony and no extra charge for sea view. Full day's excursion touring the west of island, return coach transfers to London Gatwick for flight to Funchal. Cost: £499 including donation to the hospice. Contact: 023-9237 7568 or 07940-805431 or rowanstravel@yahoo.co.uk

NORWAY: Eight-day cruise to Norway aboard Oriana to celebrate 10 years of Rowans Hospice, from June 1-8. Offer open until December 31. Price includes coach to Southampton and donation to hospice. Contact details as above.

Saturday 8 January

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9am-4pm): *Diocesan spirituality day.* Prayer workshop.

Sunday 9 January

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Come and Sing Rutter's Requiem.* Rehearse at 7.30pm; performance at 9pm. Tickets: £5 (singers), £3 (audience) on 023-9246 1802.

Wednesday 12 January

GREATHAM, St John's church hall (7pm-9pm): *Start of bishop's foundation course.* First of 24-session course about the faith. Contact Liz Hodson (023-9282 2053 or education.liz@portsmouth.anglican.org).

Saturday 15 January

BOTLEY, All Saints' Church, High Street (7.30pm): *Music from the screen.* Marchwood Orchestra play in aid of the Friends of Botley Church. Tickets: £5-£7.50 (includes glass of wine) on 01489-86164.

Sunday 16 January

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Evensong.* With the installation of the Rev Peter Jones as university chaplain and residentiary canon.

Saturday 22 January

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet Day.* Led by Sister Rita-Elizabeth SSB. Please bring packed lunch. Drinks and tea provided. Cost: £5. Please ring 023-9283 3498 to let the Sisters know if you want to come.

Thursday 27 January

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (12noon): *Retired Clergy Association Eucharist.* Followed by lunch.

Friday 28 January - Sunday 30 January

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (Friday: 7.15pm-9.30pm; Saturday: 9.30am-4.30pm; Sunday: 11.30am-4.30pm): *Myers-Briggs Workshop.* Contact: Marion Syms (01243-373409) or Carole Wynn (023-9242 1448).

Saturday 29 January

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Baptism/confirmation.*

● *Would you like your church's events for February listed here and on our website (www.portsmouth.anglican.org)? Send details to: Pompey Chimes, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street, Portsmouth, PO1 2HA by January 10. NB: there is no separate January edition.*