

**Thursday 1 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (12noon):** *Charity lunch.*  
**PORTSMOUTH, Park Building, King Henry I Street (7pm-9pm):** *Lecture on 'The Future of Fairtrade'.* See page 2 for details.

**Friday 2 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth RC Cathedral, Edinburgh Road (10.30am), LEE-ON-SOLENT, St John the Evangelist RC Church (1.30-2.30pm), HAVANT, United Reformed Church, Elm Lane (2pm), SOUTHSEA, Salvation Army citadel, Albert Road (2.30pm):** *Inter-denominational service for Women's World Day of Prayer.* Theme: Paraguay.  
**WATERLOOVILLE, South Downs College, College Road (7pm-9pm):** *Fairtrade wine-tasting.* See page 2 for details.

**Saturday 3 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Nicholas Church, Battenburg Avenue, North End (9am):** *Ladies' breakfast.* Includes talk by manager of women's refuge.  
**COSHAM, St Philip's church hall, Hawthorn Crescent [Please note change of venue since February's listing in Pompey Chimes] (10.30am to 3.30pm):** *Myers Briggs follow-up group.* 'Exploring spirituality: mid-life considerations' with Michael Joseph. Cost £6. Further details from Carole Wynn (023-9242 1448 or carole.wynn@ntlworld.com).  
**FRESHWATER, Memorial Hall (10.30am-1.30pm):** *Lenten brunches.* Churches Together in West Wight invite you to drop in for morning coffee, tea, soup or light lunch. Proceeds to be distributed between Christian Aid, Tearfund, the island's Christian bus project and Carisbrooke Priory. Also on **March 10, 17, 24 & 31**, and on **April 7.**  
**LEE-ON-SOLENT, Methodist Church (10.30am):** *Bring and buy sale.* Proceeds in aid of Women's World Day of Prayer charities. Donations of bric-a-brac, books etc can be made from 9am.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm):** *Hampshire Police and Milton Glee Club in concert.*

**Sunday 4 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Alban's Church, Copnor Road, Copnor (10.30am):** *Anniversary of the baptism of Charles Dickens.* Includes short service at the font.

**Monday 5 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm):** *Cathedral choir concert for the Friends of Old Portsmouth.*

**Tuesday 6 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (11.30am):** *Healing service.*  
**PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church (1pm):** *Lunchtime recital.* By students from Churcher's College and L'Ecole de la Musique, Barentin. Bring your own lunch. Admission free, retiring collection.  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Nicholas Church, Battenburg Avenue, North End (7.45pm):** *Ballroom dancing lessons.* Continues each Tuesday. Beginners welcome.

**Wednesday 7 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon):** *Mass, followed by charity lunch in aid of the bishop's Lent appeal; (7pm): Organ meditation.*

**Thursday 8 March**

**SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-11.15am):** *Julian meeting.* Meditation in chapel, followed by coffee. Also on **March 22**, and second and fourth Thursday of each month.



Taki Jaffer

See variety of faiths in the city

**BELIEVERS from all faiths in Portsmouth will meet together for an open afternoon.** Portsmouth's Interfaith Forum has organised a communities open event from 2.30pm-5pm at Buckland Community

**Centre, Malins Road on March 11.** The event will include a talk from Abdul Bari, chairman of the Muslim Council of Britain, an ethnic fashion show, a short sketch by the forum, a presentation by

**Interfusion - the Portsmouth Youth Diversity Forum - and a demonstration by Hampshire Fire and Rescue service.** For details, contact Taki Jaffer, co-ordinator of the forum, on 023-9289 9676.

**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (12noon):** *Lunch in aid of bishop's Lent appeal.*  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm):** *Royal Marines School of Music concert.*

**Friday 9 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, Visitor centre, The Hard interchange (9.30am-12.30pm):** *Fairtrade coffee morning.*  
**SOUTHSEA, Portsmouth Irish Club, Elm Grove (7.30pm-10pm):** *Fairtrade family ceildh.* With the Blarney Band. Tickets: £7 (Under-16s: £3.50), including refreshments, available on 023-9225 0267.

**Friday 9 March -**

**Saturday 10 March**

**RYDE, St John the Baptist, High Park Road (7.30pm):** *Snakes and Ladders.* Roger Jones musical spanning Bible from Creation to Resurrection. Performed by Technicolor Productions, community group from local churches and beyond. Tickets: £3 (£1.50 concs, £6 family) on 01983-611913.

**Saturday 10 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9.45am):** *Friends of Portsmouth Cathedral quiet morning.*  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (10.30am):** *Charity coffee morning.*  
**COWES, Holy Trinity Church, Queens Road (7.30pm):** *Romsey Male Voice Choir in concert.* Refreshments available. Entry: £7.50. Contact: 01983-293304.  
**WARSASH, St Mary's Church (7.30pm):** *Spring concert with Marilyn Baker.* The inspirational blind pianist is one of Britain's most popular singer-songwriters. Refreshments available. Tickets: £3, available on the door.

**Sunday 11 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, Buckland Community Centre (2.30pm-5pm):** *Interfaith open day.* See above for details.  
**EAST COWES, St James Church (6.30pm):** *Taizé service.* Quiet, reflective service, with readings, prayers and meditations using songs from the Taizé community in France. Happens on second Sunday of each month.

**Tuesday 13 March**

**GUILDFORD, The Refectory, Guildford Cathedral (7.30pm):** *Lecture.* The Rev Prof David Martin, emeritus professor of sociology at London School of Economics and honorary assistant priest at Guildford Cathedral, on: 'How does Christianity become incarnate in society?'

**Wednesday 14 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon):** *Mass, followed by lunch in aid of the bishop's Lent appeal; (7pm): Choral meditation.* Led by children's choir.  
**PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church (8pm):** *Lent Lecture.* 'How to Get Your Church Noticed' by diocesan communications adviser Neil Pugmire.

**Thursday 15 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11am):** *Mothers'*

*Union commissioning service.*  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (12noon):** *Lunch in aid of bishop's Lent appeal.*  
**PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church (1pm):** *The Gospel of John.* One-person performance by America actor Brad Sherill. Admission free, retiring collection. See: www.gospelofjohn.com

**Saturday 17 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (10.30am):** *Spring fair.*  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Nicholas Church, Battenburg Avenue, North End (1.30pm):** *Overseas mission spring sale.* Plants, books, bric-a-brac, toys, refreshments. Admission: 20p.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (3pm):** *Service of thanksgiving (NORCAP).*  
**GOSPORT, Holy Trinity Church, The Green (7.30pm):** *Music by Handel.* With Portsmouth Baroque Choir. See page 4 for details.  
**DENMEAD, All Saints Church, Hambledon Road (7.30pm):** *The Monington Duo in concert.* Karen Kingsley (piano) and Robert Blanken (clarinet) are local professionals who perform across the south of England. Tickets: £7, available on 023-9224 1161 or 023-9226 6159.  
**WEST MEON, St John the Evangelist Church (7.30pm):** *Elijah.* Botley Choral Society presents Mendelssohn's work. Tickets: £7/£5, available on 01489-890393 or 01489-891826.

**Sunday 18 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9.30am):** *Mothering Sunday parish Eucharist; (6pm): Evensong.* Farewell for Michael Jordan. See pages 8-9 for details.  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (4pm):** *Organ concert.* By former organ scholar Ben Lewis-Smith. Free admission, retiring collection.  
**LOCKS HEATH, St John's Church (7.30pm):** *Elijah.* Botley Choral Society presents Mendelssohn's work. Tickets: £7/£5, available on 01489-890393 or 01489-891826.

**Tuesday 20 March**

**FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West Street (7pm):** *Benjamin Britten's Noye's Fludde.* Tells the story of Noah, based on a Chester mystery play. Tickets: £4 (concs £2). See page 3 for details.

**Wednesday 21 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon):** *Mass, followed by lunch in aid of the bishop's Lent appeal; (7pm): Choral meditation.* Led by adult choir.  
**FAREHAM, St Columba's Church, Hillson Drive (7pm):** *Benjamin Britten's Noye's Fludde.* Tells the story of Noah, based on a Chester mystery play. Tickets: £4 (concs £2). Also on **March 22.** See page 3 for details.

**Thursday 22 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (12noon):** *Lunch in aid of bishop's Lent appeal.*

**Friday 23 March**

**SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church, Kent Road (9am-12midnight):** *Prayer vigil to mark 200th anniversary of abolition of slave trade.* See page 1 for details.

**Friday 23 March - Thursday 12 April**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9am-6pm):** *Portsmouth Grammar School art exhibition.* Based on William Blake's verses 'Songs of Innocence'.

**Saturday 24 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, The Hard interchange (8am):** *Coach leaves for Walk of Witness in London.* See page 1 for details.  
**SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4am):** *Quiet day.* Conducted by Sister Rita-Elizabeth. Bring your own lunch, drinks and tea provided. Cost: £5. Please let the Sisters know if you want to attend on 023-9283 3498 or ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk  
**PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church (7.30pm):** *Music for Passiontide.* Petersfield Chamber Choir present Allegri's *Miserere*, Taverner's *Song for Athene*, and music by Byrd, Tomkins and Poulenc, in aid of local charities. Admission free, retiring collection.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm):** *Portsmouth Festival Choir in concert.* Includes Brahms' *German Requiem*, Mendelssohn's *Hear My Prayer* and *Verleih uns Frieden* and Bach's *Jesu Christ, meines Lebens Licht*. Tickets: £15/£12, available on 01243-371527 or m.bement@tiscali.co.uk  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm):** *One-man performance of St John's Gospel.* Free admission. See www.gospelofjohn.com for details.

**Monday 26 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church,**

**Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm):** *Mass for the Feast of the Annunciation.* Includes *Mass in Four Voices* by Byrd. Preacher: Fr James Buxton, succentor of Southwark Cathedral.

**Tuesday 27 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm):** *Music in the Round.* Concert by 4-Mality.

**Wednesday 28 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon):** *Mass, followed by lunch in aid of the bishop's Lent appeal; (7pm): Choral Evensong.*

**Thursday 29 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (12noon):** *Lunch in aid of bishop's Lent appeal.*  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm):** *Royal Marine School of Music concert.*

**Friday 30 March**

**WARSASH, St Mary's Church (7.30pm):** *Concert by the Augmented Church Choir.* Includes Fauré's *Requiem*, Dvorak's *Mass in D*. Admission free, retiring collection.

**Saturday 31 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (5pm):** *Old Indefatigables service.*  
**RYDE, All Saints Church (7pm):** *Music for Holy Week.* Orpheus Singers with the Consort of Twelve present *Stabat Mater* by D'Astorga, Vivaldi's *Gloria in D* and music by Bach, Handel and Zelenka. Tickets: £8 (students: £3) at the door.  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm):** *Portsmouth Choral Union in concert.* Includes Beethoven's *Mass in C* and Raminsh's *Magnificat*, plus Mozart's *Exultate* and the overture to *The Magic Flute*. Conductor: Jonathan Willcocks, with Southern Pro Musica. Tickets: £10 (concs available), on 023-9282 2227.  
**FAREHAM, Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road (7.30pm):** *Havant Symphony Orchestra in concert.* Piano soloist: Philip Martin. Includes music by Balakirev, Smetana, Liszt and Sibelius. Tickets: £6, available on 01329-231942.

● *Would you like your church's events for April listed here and on our website? Send details to: Pompey Chimes, Diocese of Portsmouth, First Floor, Peninsular House, Wharf Road, Portsmouth, PO2 8HB or to neil.pugmire@portsmouth.anglican.org by March 5.*

announcements

**Appointments:**

**The Rev Rosemary Donald**, assistant curate, Blendworth with Chalton and Idsworth, to be priest-in-charge of Blendworth with Chalton and Idsworth. Date of licensing to be announced.  
**The Rev Anne Lindsay**, will be licensed as assistant chaplain within the Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust by the Ven Trevor Reader on April 4.  
**The Rev Corinne Smith**, will be licensed as team chaplain within the Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust by the Ven Trevor Reader on April 4.  
**The Rev Lyn McRostie**, priest-in-charge, Northwood with Gurnard and St Faith's, Cowes, to be vicar of Northwood with Gurnard and St Faith's, Cowes, with effect from March 14.  
**The Rev Paul Newman**, formerly of Winchester Prison, to be chaplain at Kingston Prison, from March 4.

**Departures:**

**The Rev Barry Dugmore**, curate-in-charge, Whiteley Church, to be priest-in-

charge, St George and St Paul, Tiverton, Devon (Exeter diocese). Date of licensing to be announced. Last Sunday at Whiteley: April 15.

**Resignations:**

**Canon Peter Ford**, vicar, Arretton with Newchurch to resign from March 20.  
**The Rev John Fellows**, chaplain, vocations group, to resign and retain permission to officiate.  
**The Rev Christina Meatyard**, assistant curate, St Peter's and St Andrew's, Hayling Island, resigned in December 2006.

**Retirement:**

**Michael Jordan**, diocesan secretary, to retire with effect from May 23.

**Date:**

**The Revd Tim Eady**, Rector of Brighstone, Brook and Mottistone, to be licensed as vicar, St Peter and St Leonard's, Iver (Oxford diocese) on March 24.