

Sunday 1 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (4pm): Healing service.

PORTCHESTER, St Mary's Church, Portchester Castle (6pm): Healing service.

Monday 2 March

NEWPORT, Newport Minster, St Thomas's Square (9am-5pm): Exhibition. 'Stop Violence Against Women', by Amnesty International. Until **March 14.**

Wednesday 4 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (4pm): Mass and charity lunch. Money raised will support the bishop's Lent Appeal; (7pm): Choral meditation.

PORTSMOUTH, Dennis Sciama building, University of Portsmouth, Burnaby Road (7.30pm): Fairtrade wine-tasting. See page 2 for details.

Thursday 5 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (12noon): Charity lunch. To support the bishop's Lent Appeal.

PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church (1pm): Churchers' College lunchtime concert. Admission free, bring your own lunch.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (1.10pm): Lunchtime live recital. Julian Thomas (Tonbridge) plays the organ. Refreshments on sale from 12.15pm. Tickets: £2.50/£2. Box office: 023 9289 2965 or enquiries@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk.

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm): Royal Marine School of Music concert.

Friday 6 March

EAST COWES, Clarence Road Evangelical Church (10.30am): Women's World Day of Prayer service.

LEE-ON-SOLENT, St Faith's Church, Victoria Square (1.30pm): Women's World Day of Prayer service. Speaker: the Rev Steven Threadgill.

FAREHAM, Fareham Methodist Church (2pm): Women's World Day of Prayer service. Speaker: the Rev Gillian Slaymaker; (7.30pm): Women's World Day of Prayer service. Speaker: Lynne Matthews.

BISHOP'S WALTHAM, St Peter's Church and HAVANT, St Faith's Church, West Street (2.30pm): Women's World Day of Prayer service. Compiled by the Christian women of Papua New Guinea.

PORTSMOUTH, Third Floor Arts Centre, Guildhall Square (5.30pm): Screening of *Bonito - Ugly Bananas*. See page 2 for details.

NEWPORT, Newport Minster, St Thomas's Square (7.30pm): An evening of prose, poetry and stories with Alan Titchmarsh. Organised by the Friends of Newport Minster. Tickets: £10, available by sending a cheque made payable to 'Sts Thomas IoW CIC' and a stamped addressed envelope to The Campaign Office, Parish Centre, Town Lane, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1JU.

WARSASH, St Mary's Church (7.30pm): Paul Hart and Elizabeth Le Grove in concert. A popular and entertaining trumpet and organ recital. Includes Fairtrade wine and nibbles. Admission and programme: £5 on the door.

Saturday 7 March

COWES, East Cowes convent (10am-4pm): Team building. Course to help you build the effectiveness of your parish ministry team. Led by Canon David Isaac and members of the Mission and Discipleship team. Contact: Kay Lancaster (023-9289 9656 or kay.lancaster@portsmouth.anglican.org)

LEE-ON-SOLENT, Methodist church

hall, High Street (10.30am): Bring and buy sale and coffee morning. Doors open for sellers at 9am. Chance to bring and buy books, bric-a-brac, cakes etc. Proceeds to Women's World Day of Prayer charities.

PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (10.30am): Coffee morning.

FRESHWATER, Memorial Hall (10.30am-1.30pm): Lenten brunches 2009. Organised by Churches Together in West Wight. Drop in for morning coffee, tea, soup and light lunches. Also bring and buy stall, and Traidercraft stall. Proceeds to be split between Air Ambulance, CAFOD, Christian Aid, Christian bus project, Chernobyl Children's Lifeline and Freshwater Inshore Lifeboat. Also on **March 14, 21 and 28, and April 4 and 11.**

GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin church hall, Rowner Lane, Rowner (12noon): Lent Lunch. Soup and cheese and a cuppa. Donations in aid of Romanian orphanages. Also on **March 14, 21 and 28, and April 4 and 11.**

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): Concert in aid of Portsmouth Hospitals Rocky Appeal. By the Band of the Hampshire Constabulary and the Milton Glee Club Choir. Tickets: £10, available on 023-9228 6487.



Alan Titchmarsh (Newport Minster, March 6)

Sunday 8 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Alban's Church, Copnor (10.30am): Anniversary of the baptism of Charles Dickens. Short service around the font.

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (3pm): Choral Evensong.

Tuesday 10 March

PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church (1pm): Ditcham Park School lunchtime concert. Admission free, bring your own lunch.

Wednesday 11 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon): Mass and charity lunch; (7pm): Choral meditation for Lent.

Thursday 12 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (12noon): Charity lunch. Money raised will support the bishop's Lent Appeal.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (1.10pm): Lunchtime live recital. Michael Heighway plays the organ. Refreshments on sale from 12.15pm. Tickets: £2.50/£2. Box office: 023 9289 2965 or enquiries@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk

Saturday 14 March

LISS, St Mary's church hall, Station

hall, High Street (10.30am): Bring and buy sale and coffee morning. Doors open for sellers at 9am. Chance to bring and buy books, bric-a-brac, cakes etc. Proceeds to Women's World Day of Prayer charities.

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PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL LENT LECTURES 2009

PORTSMOUTH, Becket Hall, Cathedral House, St Thomas' Street, Old Portsmouth (4pm): A series of Sunday afternoon lectures on the theme 'What values underpin public life?'. Followed by questions and tea; (6pm): Evensong, reflecting the theme of the afternoon lecture. For further details, contact the cathedral on 023-9282 3300 or enquiries@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk

Sunday 8 March

(4pm): *'I always thought of university as an Eiffel Tower.'* Rebecca Bunting, deputy vice-chancellor, University of Portsmouth discusses values, purposes and communities at the university.

Sunday 15 March

(4pm): *'The underpinning values of across the board healthcare in our locality.'* By Dr Paul Edmondson-Jones MBE, joint director of public health and well-being for Portsmouth Community Trust

Road (9am): *Informal all-age service.* 'Faithfulness, gentleness and self-control'. Disabled facilities, children's activities and refreshments.

PORTSMOUTH, St Cuthbert's centre hall, Hayling Avenue, Copnor (10am-12noon): Coffee morning. Hosted by St Cuthbert's Church Mothers' Union, to raise cash for Away From It All holidays for families and 'Think Church' stands at wedding fairs. Home-made cakes, bric-a-brac, refreshments. Entry 50p (children free). For details or to book a stall, contact Eileen Thorpe on 023-9281 5912.

PORTSMOUTH, All Saints Church, Commercial Road (7.30pm): Concert by Portsmouth Baroque Choir. Lauridsen *Lux Aeterna* and Pergolesi *Stabat Mater*, with string accompaniment. Tickets £10/£8 (students £1) available on 023-9242 6253.

SOUTHAMPTON, Southampton Guildhall (7.30pm): Concert by Southampton Philharmonic Choir. Includes *Zadok the Priest* by Handel and Bach's *Magnificat*. Tickets: £18/£8, available on 023-8063 2601.

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm): Concert by Portsmouth Choral Union. Includes Bruckner's motets, Hubert Parry's *I Was Glad* and John Rutter's *Gloria*. Tickets: £11, available on 023-9282 2227.

Sunday 15 March

SANDOWN, Christ Church (6.30pm): *Taizé night prayer.* Details: the Rev Dominic Clarke (01730-266199).

Wednesday 18 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon): Mass and charity lunch; (7pm): Choral meditation for Lent.

Thursday 19 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (12noon): Charity lunch. Money raised will support the bishop's Lent Appeal.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (1.10pm): Lunchtime live recital. Keith Hearnshaw plays the organ. Refreshments on sale from 12.15pm. Tickets: £2.50/£2. Box office: 023 9289 2965 or enquiries@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk

Friday 20 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon): Mass and charity lunch; (7pm): Choral meditation for Lent.

Saturday 21 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (10am): Spring fair.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Music in the Round - Mendelssohn and Brahms.* Concert by the Navarra and Sacconi Quartets, both of which have won top prizes and international competitions.

Tickets: £13.50/£11, available on 023-9284 3757 or info@musicintheround.co.uk.

DENMEAD, All Saints Church,

mass. Celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation.

Thursday 26 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (9.30am): Healing service; (12noon): Charity lunch.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (1.10pm):

Lunchtime live recital. With the choral scholars ensemble. Refreshments on sale from 12.15pm. Tickets: £2.50/£2. Box office: 023 9289 2965 or enquiries@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk

Saturday 28 March

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): Quiet day.

Led by the Rev John Preston. Cost: £5. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks and tea provided. Please ring to let the Sisters know if you want to attend on 023-9293 3498 or ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk

PORTSMOUTH, St John's RC Cathedral, Edinburgh Road (2pm-4.30pm): *Finding Balance in Life with Meditation.* Benedictine monk Father Laurence Freeman, who is director of the World Community for Christian Meditation, leads afternoon of teaching on Christian meditation. Suggested donation: £5-£10. Details: Pat Nash (01794-512006).

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm):

Haydn's Creation. By Portsmouth Festival Choir. Includes Alexandra Stevenson (soprano), Tom Phillips (tenor) and Jimmy Holliday (bass). A fitting opportunity to perform this inspirational work, 200 years after Haydn's death. Tickets: £12/£10/£8, available on 01243-371527 or boxoffice@portsmouthfestivalchoir.org.uk

LEE-ON-SOLENT, St Faith's Church, Victoria Square (7.30pm): *Taverner to Taverner.* The Renaissance Choir contrast 16th and 20th century English choral music, including *Song For Athene*. Cello solos by Jessica Garner. Tickets: £10/£8/£2 available on the door or via www.renaissancechoir.org.uk.

PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church (7.30pm): *Concert by Petersfield Chamber Choir.* Music for Passions and to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the birth of Purcell, in aid of the Rowans Hospice.

Saturday 4 April

PORTSMOUTH, Boathouse 7, Historic Dockyard (7pm): *Barn dance in the Dockyard with the Harvesters.* Organised by the Portsmouth branch of the Mothers' Union to raise funds for 'Away From It All' holidays. Tickets: £13/£8, available on 01489-572666,

● Would you like your church's events for April listed here? Send details to: Pompey Chimes, First Floor, Peninsular House, Wharf Road, Portsmouth, PO2 8HB or to neil.pugmire@portsmouth.anglican.org by March 9.

announcements

Appointments:

The Rev Philip Cochrane, currently assistant curate at Holy Trinity with St Columba, Fareham to be instituted as team vicar in the same parish on March 25.

The Rev Drucilla Dennis, currently House for Duty assistant priest at Brightstone and Brook with Mottistone, Shorwell with Kingston and Chale, is to be licensed as assistant chaplain at St Mary's NHS Trust on the Isle of Wight on March 24.

Departures:

The Rev John Pinder, currently rector at Liss, is to be appointed as House of Duty priest-in-charge of the parish of

Stapleford (Ely diocese). His licensing will take place on April 29.

Resignations:

The Rev Linda Denness has resigned her position as priest-in-charge in the parishes of Wymering and Cosham. Her final service was held on January 25.

The Rev Valerie Howes has resigned her position as House for Duty assistant priest in the parishes of Wymering and Cosham.

Retirement:

The Rev Tony Marks, vicar at St Peter and St Paul, Fareham, and St Francis, Funtley, has retired with effect from February 28.