

Wednesday 2 September

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton (12noon): *Charity lunch*. Enjoy a light lunch and raise money for charity.

Friday 4 September

WATERLOOVILLE, Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn Lane (7.30pm): *Musical Bonanza*. Free entrance and refreshments, donations welcome towards trip to Uganda to run a holiday club at an orphanage.

Saturday 5 September

PORTSMOUTH, Victoria Park (11am-5pm): *Portsmouth Green Summer Fair*. Live music, stalls, craft workshops, eco/ethical gifts, clothes swap and revamp, café and food stalls, local, organic and Fairtrade products. Free fun for the family.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth

Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Lord Nelson and the Sea*. A blend of music, songs, dance and contemporary readings performed by The Madding Crowd. Proceeds to Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust. Tickets: £10, available on 01794 368427, via www.hihct.org.uk, or on the door.

Sunday 6 September

GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin Church, Rowner Lane (6pm): *Sung mass to celebrate birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. With Gosport Deanery Choir and sermon by the Rt Rev Dom Giles Hill, OSB, Abbot of Alton.

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (12noon): *Parish barbecue lunch*. Catch up with friends and make new ones. Tickets (£2) on 023-9281 4444.

Thursday 10 September

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (1.10pm-2pm): *Lunchtime live*.

GOSPORT, Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Green (2pm): *Book-signing with Songs of Praise* presenter Pam Rhodes. She will share stories of hymn writers past and present and sign copies of her book *Love So Amazing*. Part of national Heritage Open Days. Admission free, but by ticket only, available from Gosport Tourist Information Centre.

Saturday 12 September - Sunday 13 September

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (Saturday: 10am-4pm, Sunday: 12noon-4pm): *Heritage open days*.

Saturday 12 September

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (10am-12noon): *Nearly new sale and open day*. Visit this historic church and climb the tower for panoramic views of the city, or browse the bargains at the nearly new sale. Refreshments available.

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (10am-12noon): *Coffee morning*. Church open for sponsored Ride and Stride event to raise money for churches via Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust.

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet day*. Led by the Rev Sally Davenport. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks and tea provided. Cost: £6. Please let the Sisters know you are coming on 023-9283 3498 or ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk.

NEWPORT, St John the Baptist Church, Drake Road (10am-5pm): *Church open for Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust's Ride and Stride event*; (3pm-4pm): *Cream teas served*.

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (10.30am): *Coffee morning and bric-a-brac sale*.

Sunday 13 September

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church

(9.30am): *Solemn sung mass*; (10.30am-3.30pm): *Church open as part of the national Heritage Open Days*. Light refreshments available; (3.30pm): *Choral Evensong followed by tea*. All welcome.

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (4pm): *Annual St Mary's Music Foundation concert*. Performances by St Mary's choir and Music Foundation musicians. Admission free. Retiring collection for the foundation, which helps local young people to develop musical skills.

Thursday 17 September

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (12noon): *Charity lunch*. Enjoy a light lunch and raise money for charity.

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

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *General Synod hustings*. Listen to the candidates standing in elections to General Synod. Please arrive from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Details: www.portsmouth.anglican.org/synodelections.

Friday 18 September

PORTSMOUTH, Diocesan Offices, First Floor, Peninsular House, Wharf Road (11am-1pm): *Parish share formula information seminar*. Chance for PCC members to find out how the revised parish share apportionment system will work. Please let our Diocesan Secretary Wendy Kennedy know you are coming on wendy.kennedy@portsmouth.anglican.org.

WICKHAM, Park Place (7pm): *Piano recital by Laura Dickson*.

Includes pieces by Mozart, Beethoven and Chopin. Tickets: £10 (advance); £12 (on the door), to include refreshments, available on 023-9238 2433, 023-9237 0647 or 01329 833043. Proceeds to The Rowans Hospice and a hostel for girls in Tanzania.

Saturday 19 September

BEMBRIDGE, The Cloisters (9.30am-3.30pm): *Diocesan spirituality day*.

Theme: 'My God and My All'. Led by Lou Scott-Joyn. Cost: £8.50. Please bring packed lunch. Please arrive from 9.30am for a 10am start. To book, contact Kay Lancaster (023-9289 9656 or kay.lancaster@portsmouth.anglican.org)

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11am): *Reader admission and licensing service*; (5pm): *Installation of new Canon Precentor Joanna Spreadbury at Evensong*.

GURNARD, All Saints Church, Tuttons Hill (10am-2pm): *Harvest Festival celebrations*. Traditional harvest festival displays in the church. Horticultural show and other seasonal activities on Spencer Field (opposite the church). Refreshments.

Sunday 20 September

GURNARD, Spencer Field (opposite All

pilgrimage

GREECE: The Rev Peter Hall, vicar of Crookhorn, is leading a pilgrimage to Greece with McCabe Pilgrimages, following the route of Paul's second missionary journey from Naples to

Saints Church, Tuttons Hill (9.30am): *Harvest Festival service*. All welcome.

Tuesday 22 September

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm): *Deanery Synod*.

Thursday 24 September

GURNARD, All Saints Church, Tuttons Hill (10.15am-12noon): *Free coffee and chat*.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (1.10pm-2pm): *Lunchtime live*.



Laura Dickson (Wickham, September 18)

Friday 25 September

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (10am): *Coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support*. Part of the charity's 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'.

Saturday 26 September

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (2pm-4pm): *Messy Cathedral*. An hour of fun and craft activities for families to do together, followed by a short service and a special afternoon tea.

Sunday 27 September

PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street (9.30am): *Harvest festival service*.

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PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (10am): *Harvest festival service*; (11.30am): *Friends of St Mary's AGM*.

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Sunday 4 October

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Animal blessing service to celebrate the feast of St Francis*.

To include dedication of the new statue of St Francis. **WARSASH, St Mary's Church (10am): *Harvest Festival Service***. Followed by bring-and-share lunch in the hall.

Thursday 8 October

COSHAM, Cosham Baptist Church, Havant Road (7.15pm): *Baked Alaska*.

situations vacant

SWANMORE: St Barnabas Church in Swanmore is looking for an organist to play at Sunday morning services, occasional Sunday evening services and seasonal services including Advent, Christmas and Easter.

If you are interested, please contact the churchwarden Elizabeth Chant on 01489 894942 or elizabethchant376@btinternet.com or William Jones on williamyoud@gmail.com.

FAREHAM: Holy Trinity Church, Fareham, seeks to appoint a director of music/organist to lead worship and conduct an enthusiastic RSCM affiliated choir. Honorary based on RSCM rates, plus fees.

Details available from parish office on 01329-232688 or office@htscf.org.uk, or via informal conversation with current organist Gordon Uphill (07443-041816). Deadline: September 25.

announcements

Departures

The Rev Charles Sugden, vicar, St John the Baptist, Locks Heath, to become priest-in-charge, Frenchay and Stapleton, from November 3.

The Rev Tom James, assistant curate, St Peter's, Petersfield, became chaplain,

Royal Navy, from August 11.

Resignation

The Rev Andy Davis, stepped down as area dean for Gosport on June 1, remaining as vicar of Holy Trinity and Christ Church, Gosport.