

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 bric-a-brac 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 House (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.

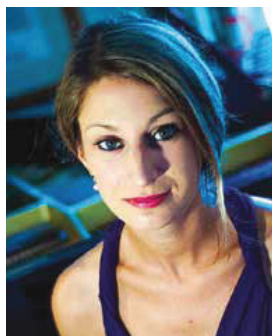
Saturday 19 September
BEMBRIDGE, The Cloisters (9.30am-3.30pm): *Diocesan spirituality day.* Theme: 'My God and My All'. Led by Lou Scott-Joynt. Cost: £8.50. Please bring packed lunch. Please arrive from 9.30am for a 10am start. To book, contact Kay Lancaster (023-9289 9656 or kay.lancaster@portsmouth.anglican.org).
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

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.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (9.30am): *Harvest festival service.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (10am): *Harvest festival service; (11.30am): Friends of St Mary's AGM.* The group supports the young people of the parish and the care of the historic building of St Mary's. Details: 023-9281 4444; (6.30pm): *Parish harvest supper.* Ploughman's meal and entertainment from members of the churches and 'surprise' item by the clergy and ministers of the three churches. Tickets (£2) available on 023-9281 4444.

SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church, Kent Road (10.30am): *Funday Sunday.* Enjoy bacon sandwiches, coffee, children's activities and the Sunday papers. Then a quick presentation about faith, including episode 9 of the sci-fi serial *The Adventures of the J Team*; (4pm): *Come and See.* Traditional service to invite friends to, followed by tea and cakes.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Evensong with presentation of certificates to those who have completed the Exploring Christianity course.*
PORTCHESTER, St Mary's Church (6pm): *Celebration of Ministry.* Includes celebration of 25 years since ordination of Anne Boggust and Chris Peel as deacons. See page 4 for details.

Tuesday 29 September
FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West Street (1.05pm-1.55pm): *Lunchtime concert given by Zephyr Wind Ensemble.* Bring your own lunch, tea and coffee supplied. Admission free. Retiring collection for church refurbishment.

Wednesday 30 September
LOCKS HEATH, St John's Church (9.30am): *Communion, including celebration of 60 years since ordination of John Maybury.* See page 4 for details.

Saturday 3 October
DENMEAD, All Saints Church Hall, Hambledon Road (10am-12pm): *Charity coffee morning and book sale.* Proceeds to charities chosen by the Denmead Church Flower Club.
COWES, Holy Trinity Church (6pm): *Thanksgiving service for sailors.* Opportunity to join sailors in giving thanks for the fun, adventure, new experiences, friendships and safe landfalls over the summer. Details: www.holytrinity.cowes.org.uk.
PORTSMOUTH, St James' Church, Milton Road (7pm): *Concert by the Quiristers of Winchester College, directed by Dr Malcolm Archer.* Tickets (£5), available in advance on 07512 354481 or on the door. Proceeds towards new church hymn books in memory of the late organist Brian Webb and The Quiristers Foundation.

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.*

performed by Riding Lights Theatre Company. Focusing on the four themes of food, water, fuel and temperature rise, the play will bring together inter-connecting stories of humanity living with climate change from the four corners of the earth. Tickets available on 01904 613000 or via www.ridinglights.org/baked-alaska.

Saturday 10 October
FAREHAM, St Peter and St Paul Church (7.30pm): *Concert.* Fareham Philharmonic Choir will be performing Brahms' *Requiem*. Tickets: £12/£10/£2 available on 01329 664948 or on the door.
HAYLING ISLAND, St Peter's Church (7.30pm): *Organ recital by Timothy Ravalde, assistant organist at Chichester Cathedral.* Tickets: £10, available on 01243-775020.

Wednesday 14 October
SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church, Kent Road (7.45pm): *Christians in Mental Health seminar.* Speakers include a mental health nurse and a pastoral care worker. To book, contact the parish office on 023-9275 0442 or office@stjudes-southsea.org.uk.

Friday 16 October
ALTON, Alton Abbey (7pm): *Annual Abbey Lecture.* 'Perspectives from Palestine' by Tim and Maynone Coldicutt, from Frensham, Surrey, who will share what they have learnt from intensive study tours to Israel and Palestine. Tickets: £25, including supper, available on friendsof.altonabbey@gmail.com or 01420-562126.

Sunday 18 October
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (4.30pm for 6.30pm performance): *Come and Sing Fauré's Requiem.* Open to all singers. A chance to sing alongside instrumentalists in a majestic building. Cost: £5 per singer. Bring your own score of hire for £2. Email dom@portseaparish.co.uk to reserve a copy. Refreshments available. Free concert with retiring collection in aid of St Mary's Music Foundation.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Service to honour and celebrate the work of healing in our communities on St Luke's Day.* All those working in local health services or involved in ministry of healing welcome. Preacher: Angela Painter, chief executive of Burrowswood Christian hospital and retreat centre, Kent. Followed by light refreshments.

● *Would you like your events for October listed here? Send them to Neil Pugmire on neil.pugmire@portsmouth.anglican.org or at Diocesan offices, First Floor, Peninsular House, Wharf Road, Portsmouth, PO1 2HB by September 7.*

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 Neapolis to

Athens. Dates are May 28-June 4, 2016. There are a few places still available. Contact Peter on 023-9225 1520 or vicar@cogs.org.uk for more information.

letter to the editor

Dear Neil,
 Does anyone have any information as to the whereabouts of a window by the Kempe firm, which was formerly in the now demolished church of St Andrew, Freshwater, on the Isle of Wight?
 It was a light window, depicting St George and Sir Galahad, and was a memorial to George Frederick Cotterell or the Royal Garrison Artillery, killed in

1915 near Ypres. Their family is anxious to trace it.

I am told it was last known to be in the custody of a glazier who was doing some work for the parish of Wootton. If you can help, please contact me on 01983-883126. Thank you.

Doreen Gazey,
Archivist for parish of Wootton

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 churchwardens 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. Honorarium 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.