

**Thursday 1 October**  
**GURNARD, All Saints Church**  
**(6.30pm-7.30pm): The Well at Gurnard.**  
 New informal service to be held on the first Thursday of each month. Each service will be different. All welcome.

**Friday 2 October**  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm-9pm):**  
*Community evening.*

**Saturday 3 October**  
**DENMEAD, All Saints Church Hall, Hambleton Road (10am-12pm):** *Charity coffee morning and book sale.* Proceeds to charities chosen by the Denmead Church Flower Club.  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street (10am):** *Coffee morning.* Enjoy coffee, cakes and a chat and help raise money for the celebrations to mark St Faith's Day on October 6.

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (5pm):** *Evensong with Old Chorists Association; (7.30pm): Concert by Solent Symphony Orchestra.*

**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](http://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.

**FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West Street (7.30pm):** *Last Night of the Proms with Littlehampton Concert Band.* Tickets £8.50, to include a flag and light refreshments, available from the parish office on 01329 232688. Proceeds to Church Refurbishment Fund.

**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.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am):** *Jazz mass attended by Friends of the Cathedral.*  
**BOTLEY, All Saints Church (4pm rehearsal for 6.30pm performance):** *Come and Sing Harvest Choral Evensong.* Please book ahead to sing on 01489-782445.

**Tuesday 6 October**  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street (7.30pm):** *Patronal mass for St Faith's Day.* Service to celebrate the life of the church of St Faith's and the community it serves. Followed by refreshments.

**Wednesday 7 October**  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (12noon):** *Mass and charity lunch.* Enjoy a light lunch and help raise funds for charity.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm):** *Lecture.* 'An introduction to social ethics' with David Carpenter from the University of Portsmouth. Looking at medical ethics, disability and euthanasia.

**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](http://www.ridinglights.org/baked-alaska).  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (7.30pm):** *Concert by the Royal Marine School of Music.* The second of their 2015/16 season of concerts at the church.

**Saturday 10 October**  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9.30am-3.30pm):** *Diocesan spirituality day.* Theme: Grandparenting. Led by Hazel Buckingham and Anne Davidson. Please bring your own lunch, and arrive from 9.30am for 10am start. Cost: £8.50. To book, please contact Claire Holland (02392 899678 or [claire.holland@portsmouth.anglican.org](mailto:claire.holland@portsmouth.anglican.org)).

**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (10.30am):** *Coffee morning to celebrate church's patronal festival weekend.*

**WICKHAM, St Nicholas Church (1pm):** *The Meon Valley Pilgrimage Trail.* Join others to walk the six miles from Wickham to Droxford following the route possibly taken by St Wilfrid in the 7th Century. Includes a stop to look around St Peter's, Soberton. Ends with a short service and refreshments at St Mary and All Saints, Droxford. Contact: Robert Goulson on 01329 832915. See page 5 for more details.

**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.

**Sunday 11 October**  
**DRAYTON, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Ave (11.30am-1.30pm):** *GraveTalk.* Café space to talk about death, dying and funerals. Light lunch will be provided. See page 7 for details.

**ST LAWRENCE, St Lawrence Parish Church (6pm):** *Choral Evensong with Cantus Vesperi.* Followed by refreshments. All welcome. Retiring collection.  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (6.30pm):** *Patronal Festival Mass to celebrate the life of the church of St Wilfrid's.* Preacher: Rev Paul Gully, associate area dean and rector of Farlington. Followed by refreshments.

**Wednesday 14 October**  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (7pm):** *Lecture.* 'An introduction to social ethics' with David Carpenter

from the University of Portsmouth. Looking at law and the criminal justice system.  
**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.



**Baked Alaska (Cosham, October 8**

**Thursday 15 October**  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (12noon):** *Charity lunch.* Enjoy a light lunch and raise money for charity.

**Friday 16 October**  
**ALTON, Alton Abbey (7pm):** *Annual Abbey Lecture.* 'Perspectives from Palestine' by Tim and Mayonne 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](mailto:friendsof.altonabbey@gmail.com) or 01420-562126.

**Saturday 17 October**  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (2pm-4pm):** *Messy Cathedral.*  
**SOUTHSEA, Church of the Holy Spirit, Fawcett Road (2pm):** *Memorial service for nurses from Portsmouth who served in the First World War.* See page 2 for details.  
**GOSPORT, Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Green (7.30pm):** *Concert by Portsmouth Baroque Choir and the Dolce Quartet.* Anthems by Henry Purcell and John Blow. Tickets: £12/£10/£1 available on 01329 238068, via [www.baroquechoir.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.baroquechoir.ticketsource.co.uk) or on the night.

**HAYLING ISLAND, St Mary's church hall (7.30pm):** *Fun quiz night.* Tickets: £8 to include a hot meal, available on 02393 113011. Please bring own drinks.

**Sunday 18 October**  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am):** *Seafarers' service; (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 wel-

come. Preacher: Angela Painter, chief executive of Burrwood Christian hospital and retreat centre, Kent. See page 5 for details.

**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@portsea.parish.co.uk](mailto:dom@portsea.parish.co.uk) to reserve a copy. Refreshments available. Free concert with retiring collection in aid of St Mary's Music Foundation.

**Tuesday 20 October**  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9.30am-4pm):** *Bishop's training day.* 'The Christenings Project' with the Rev Dr Sandra Millar, head of projects and development, Archbishops' Council. Helping clergy and ministers to reconnect with baptism ministry.

**Wednesday 21 October**  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm):** *Lecture.* 'An introduction to social ethics' with David Carpenter from the University of Portsmouth. Discussion on the topics raised during the previous lectures.

**Thursday 22 October**  
**GURNARD, All Saints Church (10.15am-12noon):** *Coffee and chat.* Chance to meet friends or make new ones. Free refreshments.  
**EAST COWES, St James Church, Well Road (6.30pm-8.30pm):** *Dementia Conversations.* Run by Dementia Pathfinders and St James Church for carers, relatives and friends of those with dementia. See page 2 for details.

**Friday 23 October**  
**WARSASH, St Mary's Church (7.30pm):** *Concert by Warsash Choral Society.* Performance of Schubert's *Mass in G*, Mendelssohn's *Hear My Prayer*, Handel's *Zadok the Priest* and Howell's *Te Deum and Jubilate*. Admission free, retiring collection for St Mary's Church.

**Saturday 24 October**  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church Fratton Road (10am onwards):** *St Mary's autumn fair.* Traditional stalls, refreshments, raffle and a chance to climb

the church tower and see the view.  
**Tuesday 27 October**  
**FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West Street (1.05pm-1.50pm):** *Luncheon concert.* 'The King of Instruments' with the parish organists. Bring your own sandwiches. Tea and coffee provided. Admission free. Retiring collection for Church Refurbishment Fund.

**Friday 30 October**  
**ALTON, Alton Abbey, Beech Road (7.30pm):** *The Abbey's Got Talent!* Entertainment by the monks, friends and others. Tickets £15, to include wine, soft drinks and light refreshments, available on 01420 562126 or by emailing [friendsof.altonabbey@gmail.com](mailto:friendsof.altonabbey@gmail.com).

**Tuesday 3 November**  
**EMSWORTH, St James Church (7.30pm):** *The Story of the Scriptures.* Short course led by the Rev Barbara Hammond. Theme: Early Writing and the emergence of early Hebrew, and the emergence and work of the scribes and the Court Chronicler of the 11th century BCE.

**Friday 6 November**  
**PORTSMOUTH, New Theatre Royal (7.30pm):** *Risen! the musical.* Professional cast from London together with the Portsmouth University Gospel Choir. Produced by Mustard Seed Songs in association with Faith and Football. See page 2 for details.

**Saturday 7 November**  
**PORTSMOUTH, New Theatre Royal (2.30pm and 7.30pm):** *Risen! the musical.* Professional cast from London together with the Portsmouth University Gospel Choir. Produced by Mustard Seed Songs in association with Faith and Football. See page 2 for details.

**Tuesday 10 November**  
**EMSWORTH, St James Church (7.30pm):** *The Story of the Scriptures.* Short course led by the Rev Barbara Hammond. Theme: Prophetic writings, and Deuteronomy, 621 BCE.

● *Would you like your events for November listed here? Send them to Neil Pugmire on [neil.pugmire@portsmouth.anglican.org](mailto:neil.pugmire@portsmouth.anglican.org) or at Diocesan offices, First Floor, Peninsular House, Wharf Road, Portsmouth, PO1 2HB by October 5.*

## Letter to the editor

Dear Sir,  
 This year, as for several years previous, I attended the Good Friday Walk of Witness in a nearby town. Until this year, it was a silent procession observing Stations of the Cross along the route and ending with a Good Friday service in a pedestrian precinct in the town centre.

This year, with new organisers, the procession was full of chat and laughter, no Stations of the Cross were observed and the service covered the whole Easter period.

I have taken a long time to consider this matter and deciding how to react to it. I have decided to express my feelings in *Pompey Chimes* and am very interested to know how other people feel.

I do not approve of the new format and, at the end of the service, spoke to both the vicar in charge and one of the organisers about it. I was astonished to be told that Jesus was 'joyful' on the Cross and they wished to reflect this. Joyful??? 'Father forgive them, they know not what they do' and 'Not my will but Thine' do not sound like the words of a joyful man.

Also, during the procession and service, flyers were handed out to the

general public. I take issue with several points on the flyer, the main two of which I highlight below:

1. "Many Christians believe that human wrong-doing make it impossible to be with God". Don't all Christians believe this? Can one be a Christian if they don't believe this? Repentance, of course, can change this situation but this is only touched on much later in the text.

2. "Then Jesus is believed to have risen..." Isn't it a fact that this happened? Isn't this a foundation stone of Christianity?

If this new format is continued in coming years, I, and several other regulars, will not be taking part. I agree with spreading the Good News to others but it must express basic Christian beliefs and be accurate and appropriate.

As a footnote, I attended the Passion Play in Havant recently and was delighted and relieved that it portrayed an anguished and distraught Jesus on the Cross. The entire play was extremely well done and all concerned are to be congratulated.

*Yours sincerely,  
 Ken Sargent  
 German Lutheran Church, Portsmouth*

## situation vacant

SEAVIEW/ST HELENS: Choir director wanted for the joint choir of St Peter's and St Helen's, in the joint benefice of St Helens with Seaview on the Isle of Wight.

For more information, please contact [mail@sthelenswithseaview.org.uk](mailto:mail@sthelenswithseaview.org.uk) or ring the Rev Rob Wynford-Harris on 01983-567494.

## announcements

**Appointments:**  
**The Rev Jitesh Patel,** associate minister, Christ Church, Abingdon, to be associate vicar, St Jude's, Southsea, from November 1.  
**The Rev Veronia Brown,** assistant curate, St James, East Cowes, with Whippingham, to be priest-in-charge,

Binstead and Havenstreet, with Wootton, from a date to be announced.

**Departure**  
**The Rev Charles Keay,** team vicar, North End Team Ministry, to be team vicar, West Exe Team Ministry, Exeter.