

Sunday 1 November

GURNARD, All Saints Church (9.30am): *Patronal service.* After the service, the church will be transformed into a cafe-style layout for the vicar's talk and a bring-and-share lunch.

GODSHILL, All Saints Church (10.30am): *Combined Patronal Mass.* With worshippers from St Alban's, Ventnor. Includes *O Word of God Above* by Edmund Gilding, sung by St Alban's Choir.

LEE-ON-SOLENT, St Faith's Church, Victoria Square (6pm): *Service of Remembrance.* To remember loved ones who have died and light a candle in their memory.

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. See page 4 for details.

Thursday 5 November

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (1.10pm-2pm): *Lunchtime live.*
GURNARD, All Saints Church (6.30pm-7.30pm): *The Well at Gurnard.* Informal service held on the first Thursday of each month. Each service is different.

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.

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.
EMSWORTH, St James' Church, Church Path (7pm): *Extravaganza of music to celebrate 175th anniversary of the church.* Choral and vocal items, instrumental solos and a visual presentation will tell the story of the church and town from 1840 to the present day. See page 5 for details.

WHITELEY, Solent Hotel (7.15pm): *Gala dinner and charity auction.* In support of Locks Heath Free Church Building Project. Three-course dinner and dancing. Silent auction and live auction. Dress code: black tie. Tickets: £50, available on www.lhfc.org.uk.
HAVANT, St Faith's Church, West Street (7.30pm): *An evening with Tom Kennar.* See above for details. Tickets: £6/£4 in advance (£7 on the day) available on office@stfaith.com or 023-9249 2129.

Sunday 8 November

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Act of Remembrance.* Includes *Reville and The Last Post*, followed by Solemn Sung Mass.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (10.30am): *Remembrance Sunday service; (6pm): Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday.*
BOTLEY, All Saints' Church (6.30pm): *Remembrance Sunday communion service with Fauré's Requiem.*

Tuesday 10 November

EMSWORTH, St James Church (7.30pm): *The Story of the Scriptures.* Short course led by the Rev Barbara Hammond. See page 4 for details.

Saturday 14 November

PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street (10am-3pm): *Diocesan Synod.*

Why not spend the evening with Tom Kennar?

HE is an accomplished musician as well as rector of St Faith's Church, Havant.

So 'An Evening with Tom Kennar' will be a musical experience that will live long in the memory. He'll play some of his own songs on the piano, as well as favourites that you'll know.

It's happening from 7.30pm on November 7 in the church, and is all to help its fundraising efforts.

The parish's Big Build Campaign aims to raise £800,000 to repair, refurbish and restore its two main buildings – the historic church itself and the Pallant Centre – to ensure they can serve the community long into the future.

The church has been at the heart of Havant since at least the 13th century. Worshippers aim to improve the

experience for its visitors by creating a cafe, better toilets, and displays about local history. In the long term, they hope to create a children's space inside church and a play area outside.

The church also needs its roof repaired, its vestry refurbished, better lighting and PA system, and its organ repaired.

The Pallant Centre, which is used by a myriad of local groups, needs new toilets, windows and the refurbishment of its hall as a community space.

Tickets for 'An Evening with Tom Kennar' are priced at £6 or £4 in advance, and can be booked on office@stfaith.com or 023-9249 2129. It will cost £7 on the door.

For details of the campaign and the concert, see www.stfaith.com.



Canon Tom Kennar, rector of St Faith's, Havant

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

Led by Pauline Lovelock. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks and tea provided. Cost: £6. Please contact the Sisters to let them know you are coming on 023-9283 3498 or email ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk.

LOCKS HEATH, Locks Heath Free Church, Hunts Pond Lane (11am-3pm): *Christmas fayre.* Gifts, craft stalls, cafe. Supporting the church's building project.

SOUTHSEA, St Simon's Church Centre, Waverley Road (2pm-5pm): *Shoebbox social.* Opportunity to join in helping to pack and wrap shoeboxes to be given to children this Christmas. See page 5 for details.

WARSASH, St Mary's Church hall (7.30 pm): *Quiz evening.* Food and drink will be available. Tickets, £10 per person, available from Peter Upward on 01489 578862.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm-10pm): *Portsmouth Festival Choir concert.*

HAYLING ISLAND, St. Mary's Church, Church Road (8pm): *Concert by HMS Nelson Royal Naval Volunteer Band.* Interval refreshments. Retiring collection for the Community Room Appeal. Contact: 023-9311 3011.

Sunday 15 November

FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West Street (3pm-4pm): *Concert by Sarah Miller (clarinet) and Neil Roxburgh (piano).* Admission free, retiring collection in aid of the church refurbishment fund
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Evensong with installation of new canons.*

Tuesday 17 November

WARSASH, The Crofton Pub (7.30pm): *St Mary's men's group skittles evening.* Friends welcome. Tickets: £9.50, to include food, available from Rev Bill Day (01489 564035 or revbillday@btinternet.com) or Bob Bottomley (01489 582093 or bob.yelmottob@tiscali.co.uk).

EMSWORTH, St James Church (7.30pm): *The Story of the Scriptures.* Short course led by the Rev Barbara Hammond. See page 4 for details.

Thursday 19 November

LOCKS HEATH, St John's church centre (9.45am-3pm): *'Exploring Priesthood: Who is a Priest?' Clergy and Reader training day.* Led by the Rev Philip Seddon. To book contact Claire

Holland on claire.holland@portsmouth.anglican.org.

Saturday 21 November

COWES, St Mary's Church (10am-3pm): *Early Christmas fair.* Lunch of soup and rolls, bacon or cheese toasts, or sandwiches. Coffee/tea and cakes available. Stalls include tombola, books, bric-a-brac, Christmas and raffle, plus guess the weight of the cake and guess the teddy's name. Come along and buy your Christmas gifts.

PORTSMOUTH, St Cuthbert's Church, Lichfield Road, Copnor (10.30am-2.30pm): *Festive fayre.* Stalls, games and refreshments.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11am-1.30pm): *Christmas fair; (6pm-7pm): Baptism and Confirmation service.*

PORTSMOUTH, All Saints Church, Commercial Road (11am-2.30pm): *Christmas fayre.* Raffles; stalls including cakes, toys, books and bric-a-brac; refreshments including hot dogs, ploughman's lunches, rolls and cakes.

COSHAM, St Philip's church hall, Hawthorn Crescent (12noon-3pm): *Christmas fayre.* Traditional stalls and games, Father Christmas, gifts, books, homemade cakes, jams and chutneys. Refreshments. Admission 40p.

Sunday 22 November

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Solemn Sung Mass for the Feast of Christ the King.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Saviour's Church, Jervis Road, Stanshaw (6.30pm): *Patronal festival service to celebrate Christ the King.* Followed by refreshments.

Tuesday 24 November

FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West Street (1.05pm-1.50pm): *Lunchtime concert by Continuum.* Choral music in a variety of styles. Admission free, retiring collection in aid of the church refurbishment fund.

EMSWORTH, St James Church (7.30pm): *The Story of the Scriptures.* Short course led by the Rev Barbara Hammond. See page 4 for details.

Thursday 26 November

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,

Church Path, Well Road (6.30pm-8.30pm): *Dementia conversations.* Carers, relatives and friends of those living with dementia invited to share experiences. This session: End-of-life care. Details: the Rev Veronica Brown (07921-51406)

Friday 27 November

GURNARD, All Saints Church (7pm): *Concert by Simon Langton Grammar School from Canterbury.* Followed by refreshments. Admission free. Retiring collection. Contact: Keith Gatrell on 01983 524958.

Saturday 28 November

PORTSMOUTH, Bishop Kenneth Room, Portsmouth Cathedral (9.30am-12.30pm): *Called by God to serve God.* Are you wondering if God might be calling you to lay ministry or to be ordained with the Church? This is a chance to meet others pondering the same question, and those who might help you discern the answer. Details: vocations adviser the Rev Claire Towns (01489-808968 or clairetowns@gmail.com).

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (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.

CLANFIELD, Memorial Hall (10am-2pm): *St James' Church Christmas fayre.* Refreshments and light lunches served.

WARSASH, St Mary's Church (12noon-4pm): *Christmas Market.* Craft stalls, children's activities and refreshments. Entertainment from St Mary's Choir.

GURNARD, All Saints Church (2pm-4.30pm): *Christmas fair.* Traditional stalls, craft workshop, seasonal refreshments including mulled wine and mince pies.

BISHOP'S WALTHAM, St Peter's Church (6.30pm): *Advent concert with St Peter's Handbell Ringers, Flautissimo (Southampton Flute Orchestra) and St Peter's Junior Choir.* Tickets £5 (children admitted free), available on the door or in advance on 01489 890334.

Sunday 29 November

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Solemn Sung Mass for Advent Sunday.* Guest preacher: the Rev Corinne Smith.
SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church, Kent Road (10.30am): *Funday Sunday.* Bacon sandwiches, great coffee, children's activities and a dynamic presentation, including episode 10 of the futuristic sci-fi serial *The Adventures of the J Team; (4pm): Come and See.* More traditional service to invite friends to.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm-7pm): *Advent carol service; (8pm-9pm): Tai-zé-style night prayer.*

Tuesday 1 December

EMSWORTH, St James Church

(7.30pm): *The Story of the Scriptures.* Short course led by the Rev Barbara Hammond. See page 4 for details.

Wednesday 2 December

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (7.30pm): *Advent carol service.* Speaker: Wayne Palmer from Substance Misuse Recovery Support. Tickets: £3, available from the Sisters on 023-9283 3498 or email ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk.

Thursday 3 December

GURNARD, All Saints Church (6.30pm-7.30pm): *The Well at Gurnard.* Ideal service for those busy in the daytime. Different, friendly, informal service.

Friday 4 December

PORTSMOUTH, Aspx Gallery, Gunwharf Quays (7.30pm-9.30pm): *Zombies versus Aliens.* Free event for young people, helping to understand how those from different generations think differently – and what it means for the Church. Led by Dr Graeme Codrington. See page 5 for details.

Saturday 5 December

OLD PORTSMOUTH, Ben Ainslie Racing (10am-4pm): *Zombies versus Aliens.* Free event for clergy and lay parish leaders, helping to understand how people from different generations think differently – and what it means for the Church. Led by Dr Graeme Codrington. Lunch provided. See page 5 for details.

Monday 7 December

GURNARD, All Saints Church (7.45pm): *Concert with Cowes Concert Band.* Annual event, with traditional and popular music. Includes refreshments, raffle and retiring collection.

Friday 11 December

ALTON, Alton Abbey, Abbey Road (7.30pm): *Concert of Advent music with the Rose Belles.* Soprano Diana North and friends, on piano, guitar and drum. Two half-hour concerts, with extended interval including wine and light refreshments. Tickets: £15, available on friends@altonabbey@gmail.com or 01420-562126.

Saturday 12 December

BOTLEY, All Saints Church (7.30pm): *Christmas Concert by Botley Choral Society.* Includes Rutter's *Gloria and Te Deum* and selection of carols, old and new, with audience participation. Tickets £12/£10 available on 01489 782445 or 07941 884419 or online at www.botleychoral.co.uk

● *Would you like your events for December and January listed here? Send them to Neil Pugmire on neil.pugmire@portsmouth.anglican.org or at Diocesan offices, First Floor, Pentinsular House, Wharf Road, Portsmouth, PO1 2HB by November 9. NB: There is no separate January edition.*

announcements

Appointments:

The Revd Robert Sanday, remaining priest-in-charge of Netley Abbey, and chaplain to the deaf and hard hearing in Winchester diocese. He also became disability adviser for Portsmouth diocese

from September 7.

Death

The Rev Ronald Gwyther, died on September 23.