

Tuesday 1 December
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (7pm): *Portsmouth District Scouting Christmas Service.* Join beavers, cubs, scouts, explorers, their leaders and families to reflect on the light of the world.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm): *Advent Lecture.* "Building Bridges or Erecting Barricades?" by the Rt Rev David Gillett. Exploring some of the similarities, blessings and challenges facing us as Christians, Jews and Muslims.

Wednesday 2 December
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton (12noon): *Mass and charity lunch.* Proceeds to the Churches Homeless Action Appeal; **(6.30pm):** *Fratton Big Local Festival of Lights.* Procession of lanterns and light through Fratton ending with entertainment in the churchyard.
FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West Street (7pm): *Light up a Life service for Naomi House and Jackspace.* Led by the Rev Sally Davenport.
SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (7.30pm): *Advent carol service.* Speaker: Wayne Palmer from Substance Misuse Recovery Support. Tickets: £3, available on 023-9283 3498 or sssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk.

Thursday 3 December
NEWCHURCH, All Saints church hall (6pm): *Lights of Love service for Earl Mountbatten hospice.*

Friday 4 December - Sunday 6 December
BOTLEY, All Saints Church, High Street (Friday: 10am-6.30pm; Saturday: 9.30am-5pm; Sunday: 11am-6pm): *NativityFest.* Varied display of Nativity scenes. Admission free. See page 3 for details.
PORTSMOUTH, St Cuthbert's Church, Lichfield Road (Friday: 7.30pm; Saturday, 11am-5.30pm; Sunday 1pm-5pm): *Christmas Tree Festival.* Musical entertainment throughout the festival. Refreshments. Father Christmas visiting 2pm-4pm.

Friday 4 December
PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Landport (7.30pm): *Reindeer Drive.* Beetle drive with a seasonal twist to raise money for Christian Aid work in Nigeria.
PORTSMOUTH, Aspex Gallery, Gunwharf Quays (7.30pm-9.30pm): *Zombies versus Aliens.* Free event for young people, led by Dr Graeme Codrington. For details, see page 2.

Saturday 5 December
PORTSMOUTH, Ben Ainslie Racing (10am-4pm): *Zombies versus Aliens.* Free event for clergy and lay parish leaders exploring generational differences. Led by Dr Graeme Codrington. Lunch is provided. To book, visit www.portsmouth.anglican.org/zombies.
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton (10am): *Christmas craft and activity morning.* Wreath making and other activities. Free Melody Tots session.
PURBROOK, St John's Church hall (10am-2pm): *Christmas Fair.*
RYDE, St John's Church and hall (2pm-4pm): *Christmas bazaar.* Stalls, Father Christmas, entertainment and refreshments.

PORTSMOUTH, All Saints' Church, Commercial Road (7pm): *Portsmouth Baroque Choir's Christmas concert with handbell ringers.* Seasonal music with carols to join in with. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Tickets: £10/£8/£1 available on 01329 238068, or www.baroquechoir.ticketsource.co.uk.

Sunday 6 December
VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Solemn mass;* **(4pm):** *Annual celebration of the feast of St Nicholas.*

BRIGHSTONE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
 Over 170 decorated Christmas trees on display in seven venues across Brighstone and Mottistone on the Isle of Wight from December 10-13. For full details, see page 3 or www.bxtf.org. Highlights from the festival include:

Wednesday 9 December
BRIGHSTONE, St Mary's Church (7pm): *Carols and lighting of Earl Mountbatten Hospice tree.*

Thursday 10 December
BRIGHSTONE, Methodist Church (3.30pm): *Carols with Brighstone Primary School and lighting of trees.*

Friday 11 December
BRIGHSTONE, St Mary's Church (7.30pm): *Concert by Brighstone Barnacles and the Slipshod Singers.*

Saturday 12 December
MOTTISTONE, Mottistone Church (4.30pm): *Carols and blessing of crib.*

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (3pm): *The News' annual carol service.* Join local schoolchildren and their families in celebrating the Christmas Story at a Christingle service with the support of *The News*.

Monday 7 December
RYDE, St John's Church (7pm): *Advent Hope Service with Christian Aid.* Worship, prayer and reflection from a global perspective.
PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Landport (7.30pm-9pm): *Advent Reflections - Being with Creation.* To prepare for Advent and Christmas, a series of evenings looking at how we resonate with Christ. The evenings will include candlelit worship, reflection, and discussion.

Wednesday 9 December
WATERLOOVILLE, St George's Church, St George's Walk (7pm): *Light up a Life service, for Naomi House and Jackspace.* Led by the Rev Mike Sheffield.

Friday 11 December
ALTON, Alton Abbey, Abbey Road (7.30pm): *Concert of Advent music with soprano Diana North and friends on the piano, guitar and drums.* Tickets: £15 available from friends@altonabbey@gmail.com or on 01420 562126.
HAYLING ISLAND, St Mary's Church, Church Road (7.30pm): *Concert.* "The Wonder of Christmas", by the Renaissance Choir. Tickets: £8, available on 023-9311 3011. Proceeds to the Community Room Appeal.

Friday 11 December - Sunday 13 December
ALVERSTOKE, St Mary's Church (Friday and Saturday: 11am-6pm; Sunday: 12noon-6pm): *Christmas Tree Festival.* See page 3 for details.

Saturday 12 December - Sunday 13 December
WEST MEON, West Meon Church (11am-4pm): *Christmas Tree Festival and mini-market.* Trees decorated by local schools, clubs and business. See page 3 for details.

Saturday 12 December
NEWPORT, St John the Baptist Church, Drake Road (10am-11.30am): *Christmas craft morning.* Make messy angels to display. See page 3 for details.
SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet day.* Led by the Rev Ann Leonard. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks and tea will be provided. Cost: £6. Please let the Sisters know you are coming on 023-9283 3498 or sssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk.
FARLINGTON, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Ave (7.30pm): *Denmead Brass Band concert.* Tickets: £5,

Sunday 13 December
MOTTISTONE, Mottistone Manor (3.45pm): *Nativity Pageant.* Tickets: Adults £3, Children free.
BRIGHSTONE, St Mary's Church (7pm): *'Stars of Wonder' variety concert.*

Thursday 17 December
BRIGHSTONE, St Mary's Church: (7.30pm): *Christmas Choir Carol Concert.*

Saturday 19 December
BRIGHSTONE, St Mary's Church (7.30pm): *Concert by Sandown and Shanklin Military Band.* In aid of ABF, the Soldiers' Charity.

available on 023-9242 1849.
BOTLEY, All Saints Church (7.30pm): *Christmas Concert by Botley Choral Society.* Includes Rutter's *Gloria and Te Deum* and carols old and new. Tickets £12/£10 available on 01489 782445 or 07941 884419 or www.botleychoral.co.uk
HAVANT, St Faith's Church (7.30pm): *Concert.* "The Wonder of Christmas" by the Renaissance Choir. Tickets: £8/£2 available on 023-9247 5259, or www.renaissancechoir.org.uk or on the door.
FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West Street (7.30pm): *Christmas carols and Messiah concert.* With Fareham Philharmonic Choir. Tickets £9.50/£7.50/£2 available on 01329 664948, 01329 213899 or on the door.

Sunday 13 December
CARISBROOKE, St Mary's Church (9.30am): *Small Change Sunday.* Collect small change to support work of Christian Aid in Nigeria. See page 3 for details.
GODSHILL, All Saints (11am): *Sung Eucharist with seasonal pageant.*
PORTSMOUTH, All Saints Church (2.30pm): *Tribute to Glenn Miller and Christmas concert by the Sarisbury Green Big Band.* Refreshments. Tickets: £6, available from Sheila Francis on 023-9229 3020 or 023-9236 2236.
NEWPORT, St John the Baptist Church (3pm): *Angel beetle drive.*
PURBROOK, St John's Church (3pm): *Christingle service;* **(4pm):** *Carols followed by coffee in the church hall.*

Monday 14 December
SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (1.30pm-4.30pm): *Quiet afternoon.* Led by the Rev Brian Pickett, Associate SSB. Followed by Vespers at 5pm. Cost: £3. Please let the Sisters know you are coming on 023-9283 3498 or sssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk.

Tuesday 16 December - Sunday 20 December
WINTERSHALL, Barn Theatre, Holly Barn (Dec 16-18: 4.45pm and 7.30pm; Dec 19-20: 2.30pm and 5.30pm): *The Nativity.* A play for all the family. Tickets: £16.50/£8.50. Book via: www.wintershall-estate.com.

Thursday 17 December
GURNARD, All Saints Church, Tuttons Hill (10.15am): *Coffee and chat morning.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (12noon): *Charity lunch.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (7.30pm): *Royal Marine School of Music Christmas Concert.*

Friday 18 December
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (12noon): *Churches Homeless Action carol service.* Includes distribution of vouchers collected via local churches and groups to agencies who will

be supporting the homeless and vulnerable over the Christmas season.
NEWCHURCH, All Saints Church (7.30pm): *Newchurch Male Voice Choir Christmas concert.* Followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Saturday 19 December
NEWPORT, St John the Baptist Church, Drake Road (11am-3pm): *Come and see the angels.* Part of Angel Festival. See page 3 for details.

Sunday 20 December
WARSASH, St Mary's Church (10am): *Family Nativity;* **(6.30pm):** *Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.*
FARLINGTON, St Andrew's Church (4pm): *Service of nine lessons and carols.*
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Carol service.*
FARLINGTON, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Road (6pm): *Service of nine lessons and carols.*
GODSHILL, All Saints' Church (6pm): *Service of nine lessons and carols.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (6.30pm): *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.* Readings and carols, followed by sherry and mince pies.
NEWPORT, St John the Baptist Church, Drake Road (6.30pm): *Carols by candlelight.*

Monday 21 December
PORTSMOUTH, Guildhall, Guildhall Square (7.30pm): *Last Night of the Christmas Proms with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.* Tickets: £14.75/£29.50 available on 0844 847 2362 or www.bsolve.co.uk

Tuesday 22 December
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm): *Carol service.*

Wednesday 23 December
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm): *Carol service.*

Christmas Eve
FARLINGTON, St Andrew's Church, Havant Road (2pm): *Crib service.*
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (3pm and 4.30pm): *Crib service;* **(11.30pm):** *Midnight Eucharist.*
WARSASH St Mary's Church (3pm and 5pm): *Crib Services;* **(11.30pm):** *Midnight Communion.*
FARLINGTON, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Ave (4pm): *Crib service;* **(11.30pm):** *Midnight mass.*
NEWCHURCH, All Saints Church (4pm): *Christingle service.*
GODSHILL, All Saints' Church (5pm): *Crib service.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (5pm): *Nativity Service.* The Christmas story told by children and young people; **(11.30pm):** *Midnight Mass.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (6pm): *Nativity Service and Christingle;* **(11.30pm):** *Midnight Mass.*
VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (6.30pm): *Service to bless the crib;* **(11.30pm):** *Service of carols and readings to celebrate Christmas.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Landport (11.30pm): *Midnight Mass.*

Christmas Day
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton (9am): *Traditional Communion;* **(10am):** *Christmas morning mass.*
VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Solemn sung mass for Christmas Day.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Landport (10am): *Christmas morning mass and carols.*
FARLINGTON, St Andrew's Church, Havant Road (10am): *Christmas morning family service.*
WARSASH, St Mary's Church (10am): *Christmas Day Communion.*
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): *Eucharist for Christmas Day.*
GODSHILL, All Saints' Church (11am): *Eucharist for Christmas Day.*

Boxing Day
GODSHILL, All Saints' Church (10am): *Mass for the feast of St Stephen.*

Sunday 27 December
VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Solemn sung mass.*
WARSASH, St Mary's Church (10am): *Holy Communion and Carol Praise.*

Sunday 3 January
VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Solemn sung mass.*

Saturday 9 January
DRAYTON, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Ave (2pm-4pm): *Lego Church.* See page 7 for details.

Wednesday 13 January
FARLINGTON, Church of the Resurrection hall, Brecon Ave (2pm): *Talk by Colin Chambers, former chaplain to Nelson Mandela.* Admission £1.

Saturday 16 January
SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet day.* Led by Canon Bruce Carpenter. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks and tea will be provided. Cost: £6. Please let the Sisters know you are coming on 023-9283 3498 or sssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk.

Wednesday 20 January
SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (2.30pm): *Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.* Speaker: the Rev Dr James Grenfell, Director of Portsmouth Pathway. Followed by tea. Please let the Sisters know you are coming on 023-9283 3498 or email sssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk.

Saturday 23 January
HAWKLEY, Hawley Village Hall (7.30pm): *Screening of documentary film 'Open Bethlehem' by Leila Sansour.* See page 5 for details. Tickets £10 in advance from Elizabeth Hawkins on 01730 827502 or Sarah Walker on 07771 990403 or £12 on the door.

● *Would you like your events for February 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 January 11.*

announcements

Appointments:

The Rev Bryan Hackett, currently with Permission to Officiate in Carlisle diocese, to be priest-in-charge, North End Team Ministry, from a date to be confirmed.

Retirement:

The Rev Sandra Beavis, priest-in-charge, Soberton and Newtown, will retire with effect from March 6, 2016.

Deaths:

The Rev Leslie Chadd, curate, All Saints, Portsea (1943-46), vicar, St Peter and St Paul, Fareham (1965-92) and Honorary Canon, Portsmouth Cathedral (1981-92), died on October 20.
 The Rev Albert Braithwaite, Royal Navy Chaplain (1962-81), curate, St Jude's, Southsea (1982-90) and Honorary Chaplain to the Queen, died on October 22.