

**Tuesday 2 February**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street (7.30pm):** *Candlemas service.*

**Wednesday 3 February**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon):** *Mass and charity lunch.*  
**BOTLEY, All Saints' Church (12.30pm):** *Voices of Spring.* Classical and show songs featuring Pat Jenkins, Rachel Griffiths and Roy Hogben, accompanied by David Burgess. Tea and coffee available. Retiring collection.  
**SOUTHSEA, St Luke's Church, Greetham Street (7pm-9.30pm):** *Bishop's Foundation Course.* For Christians seeking to develop their thinking and reflecting skills. Continues each Wednesday evening. Details: claire.holland@portsmouth.anglican.org or 023-9289 9678.

**Thursday 4 February**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (1.10pm-2pm):** *Lunchtime live.*  
**GURNARD, All Saints Church (6.30pm-7.30pm):** *The Well Service.* Informal, different service for those who can't make church on a Sunday.  
**FAREHAM, Cafe Imbizo, 171 West Street (7.30pm-9.15pm):** *Mission shaped intro.* Exploring church for those who don't do church. Six-week course to re-discover mission and re-imagine church. Led by Charlie Peer, diocesan mission development adviser. Cost: £15 (for all six sessions). Continues each Thursday evening until **March 17**. To book, contact Patricia Gray 023-9289 9656 or patricia.gray@portsmouth.anglican.org.

**Sunday 7 February**

**VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am):** *Solemn sung mass for Candlemas.*

**Tuesday 9 February**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (7.30pm):** *Party and pancake races for Shrove Tuesday.* Caribbean food, music and dancing and pancake races. Fun for all ages. Tickets: £5/£3 on 02392 814444.  
**EMSWORTH, St James Church, Church Path (7.30pm):** *The Story of the Scriptures.* Eighth in a 10-part series looking at the history of the Bible, led by Barbara Hammond. This session looks at William Tyndale and the effects of the printing press. Continues on **February 23** and **March 8**.

**Wednesday 10 February**

**GODSHILL, All Saints' Church (9.30am):** *Sung communion with the imposition of ashes for Ash Wednesday.*  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (12noon):** *Mass for Ash Wednesday and charity lunch.* Raise money for the Bishop's Lent Appeal;  
**(7.30pm):** *Sung mass for Ash Wednesday.* Service including the imposition of ashes to mark the beginning of Lent.  
**VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (6.30pm):** *Communion service with the imposition of ashes for Ash Wednesday.*

**Thursday 11 February**

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

**Saturday 13 February**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (10.30am):** *Refreshments and competitions to celebrate St Valentine's Day.* Proceeds to the British Heart Foundation.  
**DRAYTON, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Ave (2pm-4pm):** *Build@Church.* Space for families to explore Bible stories and prayer using Lego and Duplo bricks. Followed by tea

and cakes. Free of charge. See page 5 for details. Contact: Julie Minter (023-92 754130 or julie\_minter@hotmail.com) or www.farlingtonparish.co.uk/buildatchurch.  
**FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West Street (6pm):** *Charity talk and curry night.* Christian Aid worker Rezwana Islam will share her experiences of desperate families on the edge of survival in Bangladesh. Includes curry supper. To book a place contact southampton@christian-aid.org or ring the Southampton Christian Aid office on 023-8070 6969.

**Sunday 14 February**

**VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am):** *Solemn sung mass for the first Sunday of Lent.*  
**GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin Church, Rowner Lane, Rowner (3.30pm):** *Concert by Hampshire Recorder Sinfonia.* Music and poetry to mark Valentine's Day, including madrigal by Gabrieli, old English ballad by Bamaby, an enchanting piece by Grieg and stirring music from Holst. Tickets: £8/£7/£3.50, available on 01329-834297 or hrs@hampshirerecordersinfonia.org.uk

**Tuesday 16 February**

**SHEFIELD, St John's Study Centre (9.45am-4pm):** *Clergy and Reader training day led by Tony Nolan.* Theme: pastoral supervision. To book, contact Claire Holland (023-9289 9678 or claire.holland@portsmouth.anglican.org)  
**VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (7.30pm):** *Concert by the Brighton Youth Orchestra String Ensemble.* Refreshments. Retiring collection.

**Wednesday 17 February**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (12noon):** *Mass and charity lunch.* Raise money for the Bishop's Lent Appeal.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Bishop Kenneth Room, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm-9pm):** *Exploring Christianity course.* Part of a two-year, six-module course that aims to explore theology for those with no previous experience of the subject. Continues each Wednesday evening. Spaces can be booked by contacting Claire Holland (claire.holland@portsmouth.anglican.org or 023-9289 9678).

**Thursday 19 February**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (12noon):** *Charity lunch.* Raise money for the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

**Saturday 20 February**

**COSHAM, St Philip's church hall, Hawthorn Crescent (11am-2pm):** *Table-top sale.* Variety of stalls including home-made cakes. Light refreshments served. Admission 40p. To hire a table (£5 each) call 023-9237 9278.  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (2.30pm and 7.30pm):** *'Stromboli the Puppet Master' parish pantomime.* Traditional panto starring the parish clergy and members of the three churches. Tickets available on 023-9281 4444.

## announcements

**Appointments:**

**The Rev Keith Wickert,** assistant curate, Holy Trinity and St Columba, to be assistant minister, St Peter's, Bishop's Waltham, and Blessed Mary, Upham, from February 7.  
**The Rev Susikaran James,** curate, Holy Trinity and St Matthias, Tulse Hill (Southwark diocese), to be priest-in-charge, St Simon's Church, Southsea, from May 1.

**Retirement:**

**The Rev Drucilla Dennis,** priest-in-

**Sunday 21 February**

**DRAYTON, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Ave (6.30pm):** *Talk by Canon David Power on his recent visit to the Diocese of Ho in Ghana.* Refreshments. Admission free.

**Monday 22 February**

**SWANMORE, Barnaby's Café, St Barnabas Church (7.30pm-9pm):** *Going Deeper – exploring discipleship with young people.* Interactive session led by our Mission, Discipleship and Ministry Team for all who support young people in our churches. To book, contact Claire Holland (023-9289 9678 or claire.holland@portsmouth.anglican.org)



**The Rev Andrew Walker (Cathedral, February 23)**

**Tuesday 23 February**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9.30am-3pm):** *Quiet day for clergy, lay ministers and Readers.* Theme: 'Discipline, Artistry and a Little Foolishness: Re-imagining the spiritual journey for Lent', led by the Rev Andrew Walker, the founder director of the London Centre for Spirituality. To book, contact Claire Holland (023-9289 9678 or claire.holland@portsmouth.anglican.org).  
**EAST COWES, St James Church, Church Path, Well Road (6.15pm):** *Dementia Conversations.* For carers, relatives and friends of those with dementia or other life-limiting conditions. This session looks at 'Good Communication'. See page 4 for details, or contact info@dementia.pathfinders.org or ring 07774-935905.

**Wednesday 24 February**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (12noon):** *Mass and charity lunch.* Raise money for the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

**Thursday 25 February**

**GURNARD, All Saints Church (10.15am-12noon):** *Coffee and chat.* Free coffee and cake, and the chance to meet your neighbours.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (1.10pm-2pm):** *Lunchtime live.*

charge, Brading and Yaverland, with effect from January 31.

**Departure:**

**The Rev Helen O'Sullivan,** priest-in-charge, Brightstone with Brook and Mottistone, Shorwell with Kingston, to become cathedral chaplain, St Paul's Cathedral, from February 11.

**Death:**

**The Rev James Grindell,** who worked at our cathedral from 1991-2003, died on November 5.

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

**Saturday 27 February**

**PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street (10am-3pm):** *Diocesan Synod.* Preceded by Eucharist in the Cathedral at 9.30am. A chance to hear more about our diocese's 'live, pray, serve' strategic purpose.  
**FAREHAM, St Columba's Church (10am-3pm):** *Child in the Midst – exploring children's spirituality, Christian growth and nurture.* Led by Ben Mizzen, diocesan youth and children's work adviser. Cost: £5. To book, contact Claire Holland (023-9289 9678 or claire.holland@portsmouth.anglican.org).  
**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.  
**PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church, The Square (7.30pm):** *'Road to Calvary' concert.* Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Renaissance Choir. Includes music by Lauridsen: *Lux Aeterna*, Bruckner: *Motets*, Lotti: *Crucifixus* and Casals/Dunlop: *O Vos Omnes*. Tickets: £12/£10/£2 available in advance on 023-9247 5259 or by visiting www.renaissancechoir.org.uk.

**Sunday 28 February**

**NITON, St John the Baptist Church (10am):** *Presentation about the stone-work repair project.* Architect Tim Sage, contractor Jill Banks and construction, design and management consultant Sarah Chatwin will explain their roles and take questions about the project after the Family Eucharist. It relates to the awarding of a £106,000 Heritage Lottery Fund grant so the work can go ahead. See pages 8-9 for details.

**Thursday 3 March**

**GURNARD, All Saints Church (6.30pm-7.30pm):** *The Well Service.* Informal, different service for those who can't make church on a Sunday.

**Friday 4 March**

**GURNARD, All Saints Church (11am):** *Service for Women's World Day of Prayer.* The theme is 'Receive children. Receive me'. All ages welcome. Come and go as you please. Followed by refreshments.  
**STUBBINGTON, Baptist Church, Jay Close (1.45pm):** *Women's World Day of Prayer.* Inter-denominational service, the liturgy for which has been arranged by the Christian women of Cuba. Refreshments served.

## situation vacant

**BISHOP'S WALTHAM:** Director of music/organist sought for lovely village church community. Enthusiasm and humour leading keen amateurs important, rather than absolute musical skill level. Regular choir of six to 12 members with weekly practice.

Mainly organ-led service, with some piano and some modern hymns/songs. Morning services 11am, mostly

Communion with family service on second Sunday of month. Traditional Evensong and Compline monthly with occasional Matins. Small sweet pipe organ fully restored. Digital piano for other hymns/songs and practice. Paid position at or near RSCM rates.

Please contact the Rev James Hunt on 01489-892618, 07570-042916 or jameshunt1966@gmail.com.

## items offered

**SHANKLIN:** Canon George Rayner has reached his 90th birthday, and so is offering vestments he no longer needs.

If you could use any of these items, do get in touch with him: one set of simple, white Gothic vestments, two adult surplices, one adult cotta, and sufficient material to make one Gothic

set each of green and violet material (cut out), and one length of white brocade to make one set (not cut out).

They are all free to the first applicants who can collect or provide postage. Contact: Canon George Rayner on 01983-867304 or rennerge@hotmail.com.

**Saturday 5 March**

**SOUTHSEA, Kings Church in St Peter's Church, Playfair Road (10am-4pm):** *Crossing Cultures 2016.* A toolkit for reaching the nations in our own town. Inspiring speakers, interactive workshops and seminars aimed at equipping people to support those joining our neighbourhoods, colleges and universities from other nations. See page 16 for details, or contact Clare Brooks on portsmouthinternational.cafe@gmail.com.  
**RYDE, St John the Baptist Church (2pm-4pm):** *Community concert.* With the St John's Community Choir, Vectis Brass Band and the Oakfield School Choir. Includes everything from choral music to songs from the shows. Entrance: free. For more information, contact the parish office on 01983-564433.

**Sunday 6 March**

**COPNOR, St Alban's Church, Copnor Road (10.30am):** *Service to commemorate the anniversary of the baptism of Charles Dickens.* Around the font where Dickens was baptised.

**Tuesday 8 March**

**GURNARD, All Saints Church (12noon-2pm):** *Lent soup lunch.* Four varieties of soup available. Raise money for the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

**Friday 11 March**

**HAYLING ISLAND, Hayling Island community centre (7.30pm):** *Concert by Solent Fellowship Band and Bell Canto.* *The Hayling Island USA handbell team.* Tickets £7 available from the community centre. Details: www.solentfellowshipband.co.uk or www.hicca.co.uk

**Saturday 12 March**

**ALTON, Alton Abbey (7.30pm):** *Musical evening.* Includes works by Wagner, Puccini, Britten, Gershwin, Stigoe and Lehrer. Tickets: £15 to include glass of wine and light refreshments, available from friends@altonabbey@gmail.com or on 01420 562126 or 01428 712938.

**Sunday 13 March**

**BOTLEY, All Saints' Church (7.30pm):** *Concert by Botley Choral Society.* They will perform Mozart's *Vespers* and Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle*. Tickets £12/£10 available on 01489 782445 or 07941 884419 or by visiting www.botley-choral.co.uk.

● *Would you like your events for March 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 February 8.*