

Wednesday 2 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon): *Mass and charity lunch.*
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm-8.30pm): *Pre-pilgrimage Taizé event.* With Bishop Christopher and Brother Paulo from the Taizé Community. See page 2 for details.
PORTSMOUTH, Bishop Kenneth Room, Portsmouth Cathedral (7pm-9pm): *Exploring Christianity course.* Continues each Wednesday night. To book, contact claire.holland@portsmouth.anglican.org or 023-9289 9678.

Thursday 3 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (12noon): *Charity lunch.*
GURNARD, All Saints Church (6.30pm-7.30pm): *The Well Service.* Informal service for those who can't make church on a Sunday.
FAREHAM, Cafe Imbizo, 171 West Street (7.30pm-9.15pm): *Mission shaped introduction: exploring church for those who don't do church.* See page 16 for details.

Friday 4 March

GURNARD, All Saints Church (11am): *Service for Women's World Day of Prayer.* Theme: '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.

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. Contact Clare Brooks on portsmouthinternational.cafe@gmail.com.
PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (10am): *Coffee morning.*
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. Everything from choral music to songs from the shows. Entrance: free. More details on 01983-564433.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (7.30pm): *Concert by Portsmouth Festival Choir.* Includes Fauré's *Requiem*. Tickets available on www.portsmouthfestivalchoir.co.uk.

Sunday 6 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Landport; and St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (9.30am): *Mothers Sunday special services.* Includes distribution of flowers to those who care for us.
VENTNOR, St Alban's (9.30am): *Solemn sung mass for Mothering Sunday.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (10am): *Mothers Sunday service.* Includes distribution of flowers to those who care for us.
COPNOR, St Alban's Church, Copnor (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.

Wednesday 9 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon): *Mass and charity lunch.*
DRAYTON, Church of the

Resurrection, Penrhyn Ave (2pm-4pm): *Care and Fellowship group.* Talk by gardener Brian Kidd. Admission £1 includes tea and biscuits and a raffle ticket.
NITON, Niton parish church (7.30pm): *Talk on smuggling by Dr Richard Smout from the Isle of Wight Records Office.* Heritage event in connection with the church's successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Appeal patrons Bishop Christopher and the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight Peter Sutton will be present.

Thursday 10 March

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

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

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, Fratton (10am): *Spring fair.*
COWES, St Mary's Church parish room (10am-2pm): *Spring fair.* Stalls and refreshments.
SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet day.* Led by the Rev Mike Duff and Rachel Duff. 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 email ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk.
SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church, Kent Road (10.30am-12noon): *Bereavement drop-in.* Members of the church's bereavement team will be there to listen, support and encourage those who have been recently bereaved.

DRAYTON, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Ave (2pm-4pm):

Build@Church. Explore Bible stories and prayer using Lego and Duplo bricks. Followed by tea and cakes. Free of charge. Details: Julie Minter (023-9275 4130 or julie_minter@hotmail.com), or see www.farlingtonparish.co.uk/buildatchurch
WEST END, St James Church (7.30pm): *Botley Choral Society perform Mozart's Vespers and Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle.* Tickets £12/£10 available on 01489 782445 or 07941 884419 or by visiting www.botleychoral.co.uk.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Handel's Messiah.* With Portsmouth Cathedral Choirs and the Capelle Baroque Orchestra. Tickets: £20/£18/£16/£14/£5 available on 023-9282 3300 ext 239. Pre-concert talk at 6pm in Cathedral House by the Very Rev Nick Frayling.
ALTON, Alton Abbey (7.30pm): *Musical evening.* Includes works by Wagner, Puccini, Britten, Gershwin, Stigloe and Lehrer. Tickets: £15 to include glass of wine and light refreshments, from friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com or on 01420 562126 or 01428 712938.

FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West Street (7.30pm):

Concert by Portsmouth Baroque Choir with the Dolce Quartet. Includes Handel's *Passion*, and *The Ways of Zion do Mourn*. Tickets: £12/£10/£1, available on 01329-238068 or www.baroquechoir.ticketsource.co.uk.

Sunday 13 March

VENTNOR, St Alban's (9.30am): *Solemn Sung Mass for Passion Sunday.* Includes Communion motet by Gibbons.
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (4pm): *Musical reflections for Passiontide.* Music from the St Mary's Music Foundation.
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.

Wednesday 16 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's, Fratton Road (12noon): *Mass and charity lunch.*

Thursday 17 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (12noon): *Charity lunch.*

Saturday 19 March

GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin Church, Rowner (9.30am-12noon): *Deanery quiet morning.* Led by Canon John Draper. Hot drinks available. Followed by a light soup lunch.
COSHAM, St Philip's Church hall, Hawthorn Crescent (11am-2pm): *Table-top sale.* Variety of stalls. Bacon rolls, homemade soup and homemade cakes available. Tables to hire for £5, please book in advance on 023-9237 9278. Admission 40p.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (2pm-4pm): *Messy Cathedral.*
PURBROOK, St John's church hall (6pm): *Passover meal.* Chicken casserole followed by rice pudding. Vegetarian option available. Please bring own drinks. Cost: £6 (adults); £4 (children). Tickets available from Pat and Alfie Wootton on 023-9279 8215.
WARSASH, St Mary's Church (7.30pm): *The Mayor of Fareham's Concert - The Magic of Musicals.* Featuring Maria-Brigid Ryan (soprano), Chris Milburn (piano). Tickets: £6, from the Mayor, Mike Ford, on 01489-574501 or 07886-682465 or andmford@sky.com. Proceeds to the Mayor's charities.

Palm Sunday (March 20)

VENTNOR, St Francis C of E/RC School (8.45am for 9am): *Palm Sunday procession to St Alban's Church for Solemn Sung Mass.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (9.30am): *Palm Procession.* Walk through the streets with a brass band to remember Jesus's entry into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday. Followed by parish mass at St Mary's Church.
SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church, Kent Road (10.30am): *Funday Sunday.* Enjoy bacon sandwiches, coffee and the Sunday papers while your children enjoy activities including Wii games, table football and nail-painting, followed by a quickfire presentation about the Christian faith; (4pm): *Come and See.* A more traditional service for those interested in exploring faith.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (10.30am): *Eucharist with procession of palms for Palm Sunday.*
DRAYTON, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Ave (6pm): *'Music for the Season'* by Milton Glee Club. Popular music including works by Handel, Jenkins, Brahms and Stopford. Admission free. Retiring collection.

Monday 21 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church,

tour

WESSEX: Join Terry Henderson, from our cathedral, for a seven-day pilgrimage around Christian and pagan sites in Wessex, starting on June 5. It includes time spent in Winchester, Salisbury Plain, Romsey Abbey, Titchfield Abbey, Fishbourne Roman Palace, the Meon Valley and Portchester Castle. The pilgrimage costs £660 per person based on twin/double occupancy and includes six nights half board at the Winchester Royal Hotel. For more details, contact Terry on 023-9282 0060, see www.christianwessex.co.uk or email info@christianwessex.co.uk.

Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm): *Mass and reflection for Holy Week.* Led by the Rev Dr James Grenfell.

Tuesday 22 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (7.30pm): *Mass and reflection.* Led by the Rev Dr James Grenfell.

Wednesday 23 March

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon): *Mass and charity lunch.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Road, Landport (7.30pm): *Mass and reflection.* Led by the Rev Dr James Grenfell.

Maunday Thursday (March 24)

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11am): *Chrism Eucharist.* Holy oils are blessed for use at baptism, confirmation, ordination and for the sick. Includes Will Todd's *Portsmouth Jazz Mass*; (7pm): *Eucharist of the Last Supper.* Preacher: the Rt Rev Geoffrey Rowell, former Bishop of Europe.
SHANKLIN, St Saviour's Church (7.30pm): *Maundy Thursday service.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road; and St Wilfrid's Church, George Street; and St Faith's, Crasswell Street (7.30pm): *Eucharist of the Last Supper.* Remember the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples, how he washed their feet and led them to the Garden of Gethsemane to watch and pray. Join the congregations at any time, as they watch and pray from 9pm until midnight.

Good Friday (March 25)

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10am): *Informal service for children; (12noon): Two Hours of the Passion.* Addresses, readings and prayers on Good Friday, led by the Rt Rev Geoffrey Rowell; (2pm): *The Liturgy of the Passion; (6pm): The Crucifixion by Stainer.*
HORNDEAN, St. Edmund's Roman Catholic Church, Napier Road (10.30am): *Service for Good Friday, followed by a walk of witness.* Christians of all denominations will walk to the site of the old brewery, then to Blendworth Church Centre in Blendworth Lane for refreshments.
LAKE, Church of the Good Shepherd (10am): *Meditation for Good Friday.*
GODSHILL, All Saints Church (12noon): *Service for Good Friday and Lady Day.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (12noon): *Service for*

Good Friday; (1pm): Reflections on the Cross; (2pm): The Liturgy of the Cross.
PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street and St Wilfrid's Church, Crasswell Street (2pm): *The Liturgy of the Cross.*
SHANKLIN, St Saviour's Church (3pm): *Meditation for Good Friday.*
NEWPORT, St John's Church (7pm): *Olivet to Calvary by Maunder.* Sung by the augmented choir of St John's Church. Soloists: Robin Lang (tenor), John Matthews (bass). Organist: Martin Dover. Conductor: Joanna Dover.

Saturday 26 March

LAKE, Church of the Good Shepherd (8pm): *Easter Vigil service.*
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (8pm): *Easter Vigil, including baptism and confirmation.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road; and St Wilfrid's Church, George Street; and St Faith's, Crasswell Street (8.30pm): *The Vigil and first Mass of Easter.* Service which begins in darkness and celebrates the coming of the light of the world.

Easter Sunday (March 27)

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (8am): *Book of Common Prayer Communion Service; (10am): Easter Sunday service; (4pm): Choral Evensong and Benediction.*
LAKE, Church of the Good Shepherd (9.30am): *Service for Easter Day.* Led by Bishop Norman.
VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Service for Easter Day.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, and St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street (9.30am): *Easter Sunday special services.*
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): *Eucharist for Easter Day.* Followed by Easter egg hunt; (6pm): *Festal Evensong.*
SHANKLIN, St Saviour's Church (11am): *Service for Easter Day.* Led by Bishop Norman.
GODSHILL, All Saints Church (11am): *Service for Easter Day.*

Saturday 2 April

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (2.30pm): *Easter carols.* Followed by tea. Please let the Sisters know you are coming on 02392 833498 or email ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk

● *Would you like your events for April 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 March 7.*

items offered

MILTON: St James Church in Milton have 14 New International Versions of the Bible that they can give away for free to a good home. The Bibles are still

fairly new. If your church would like them, please contact the churchwarden, Stella Wansborough, on stellwans@hotmail.co.uk.

announcements

Appointments:
The Revs Barney Barron and Sara Barron, accredited Baptist ministers, Warren Park Cafe Church, to be pioneer ministers, PO9, Havant, from April 11.
The Rev Laura Cameron, assistant curate, Shedfield and Wickham, to be assistant curate, Holy Trinity and St Columba, Fareham, from March 1.
The Rev Jenny Gaffin, Bishop's Chaplain, to be priest-in-charge, St Mary's, St Andrew's and St Peter's, Hayling Island, from May 4.
Nicky Pybus, co-ordinator for Portsmouth Diocesan Council for Social Responsibility, to be lay pioneer

minister, Cosham and Wymering, from March 14.
The Rev Tim Watson, formerly pioneer minister, Chester diocese, to be pioneer minister, Lessland, Gosport, from April 17.

Retirement:

The Rev Sandra Edwards, vicar, All Saints, Denmead, from May 3.

Death:

The Rev Hugh Cockesedge, who served in Winchester and Europe dioceses, and had Permission to Officiate in our diocese, died on January 13.