

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 023-9283 3498 or ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk

Sunday 3 April

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Solemn sung mass.*
GODSHILL, All Saints' Church (11am): *Sung Eucharist followed by annual parish meeting.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (6.30pm): *Choral Evensong on the eve of the Feast of the Annunciation.*

Tuesday 5 April

PORTSEA, John Pounds Centre, Queen Street (1.30pm for 2pm): *Dementia Walking Group.* New activity for those with dementia and their carers. Chance to meet new people, chat and have a change of scenery. Details: Nicky Ansell (023-9284 1762 or nicky.ansell@portsmouthcc.gov.uk).

Wednesday 6 April

SHEDFIELD, St John's Church Study Centre (9.45am-4pm): *Clergy and Reader training day.* Pastoral Supervision (day 2) led by Tony Nolan. To book a place, contact Patricia Gray (023-9289 9656 or patricia.gray@portsmouth.anglican.org)
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (12noon): *Mass and charity lunch.*

Thursday 7 April

GURNARD, All Saints Church (6.30pm-7.30pm): *The Well at Gurnard.* Informal service held on first Thursday of each month. Each service is different.

Saturday 9 April

COSHAM, St Philip's Church hall, Hawthorn Crescent (11am-2pm): *Table top sale.* Range of stalls and homemade cakes. Bacon rolls and homemade soup will be served. Admission: 40p. To book a table (£5) call 023-9237 9278.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11.30am): *Saying Goodbye service.* For all who have suffered the loss of a baby at any stage of pregnancy, birth or in infancy. Includes contemporary music, poetry and readings blended with acts of remembrance and space for reflection.
DRAYTON, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Ave (2pm-4pm): *Build@Church.* Space for families to hear Bible stories, respond to them creatively using Lego and Duplo bricks, pray, and share tea, coffee, soft drinks and cake together. See www.facebook.com/buildatchurch, or contact Julie Minter on julie_minter@hotmail.com or 023-9275 4130.
PORTSMOUTH, New Theatre Royal, Guildhall Walk (7.30pm): *Risen! - the musical.* Professional cast from London together with the Portsmouth University Gospel Choir. Tickets: £10/£5, available from the Box Office on 023-9366 9000 or www.newtheatroyal.com.

Sunday 10 April

PORTSMOUTH, New Theatre Royal, Guildhall Walk (2.30pm): *Risen! - the musical.* Professional cast from London together with the Portsmouth University Gospel Choir. Tickets: £10/£5, available from the Box Office on 023-9366 9000 or www.newtheatroyal.com.
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (4pm): *Organ recital.* By Brian Moles, the church's director of music. Admission free. Retiring collection for St Mary's Music Foundation, which supports local young people to develop their musical skills.

Wednesday 13 April

DRAYTON, Church of the Resurrection hall, Brecon Ave (2pm-

4pm): *Care and fellowship group.* Speaker: Eric Watts on the History of Portsmouth Transport. Admission: £1, to include tea and biscuits and a raffle ticket.
NITON, Niton Parish Church (7.30pm): *Talk on Niton and the First World War by Geoff Allan.* Admission free. Retiring collection for Niton Church fabric fund and for charity.

Thursday 14 April

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

Friday 15 April

BURSLLEDON, St Leonard's Church (7.30pm): *Concert by Warsash Choral Society.* Programme comprises Dvorak's *Te Deum*, Howell's *Te Deum* and *Jubilate*, and Vaughan Williams' *Benedicite*. Admission free. Retiring collection for St Leonard's Church and Multiple Sclerosis charity.



Risen! - the Musical (Portsmouth, April 9 and 10)

Saturday 16 April

PORTSEA, St George's Church hall, St George's Square (9.30am-3.30pm): *Diocesan spirituality day.* 'Journeying to Wholeness': a day exploring Ignatian spirituality in creative ways. Led by Barbara Mace. Cost: £8.50. Please bring own packed lunch. To book, please contact Claire Holland on 023-9289 9656 or claire.holland@portsmouth.anglican.org.
BEMBRIDGE, The Cloisters, High Street (10am-12.45pm): *'Is it I, Lord?'* For all considering a vocation to ordained ministry. See page 5 for details.
SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet day.* Led by Rev Claire Simpson. Please bring own packed lunch, drinks and tea will be provided. Cost: £6. Please let the Sisters know you are coming on 023-9283 3498 or ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk
FAREHAM, St Peter and St Paul Church (7.30pm): *Concert by Fareham Philharmonic Choir.* Includes Handel's *Dixit Dominus* and Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*. Tickets (£12/£10/£2), available from the box office on 01329-664948, Community Action Fareham on 01329-231899, or on the door.
NEWPORT, The Medina Theatre (7.30pm): *Concert.* Brahms' *Requiem* by the Isle of White Cantata Choir, orchestra and international soloists. Tickets available on 01983 527020 or box office on 01983 823880 or www.medinatheatre.co.uk.

Sunday 17 April

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (3pm): *The Rowans Hospice Memorial Service.*

Monday 18 April

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (1.30pm-4.30pm): *Quiet afternoon.* Led by Gill Murray, associate SSB. Followed by Vespers at 5pm. Cost: £3. Please let the Sisters know you are coming on 023-9283 3498 or ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk

Thursday 21 April

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

A chance to enjoy a light lunch and raise money for charity.

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

Friday 22 April

CROOKHORN, Church of the Good Shepherd (7.30pm-9pm): *Porn...the naked truth.* Event which aims to raise awareness of the damaging effects that pornography can have on individuals, families and communities. Details: www.nakedtruthproject.com or www.visibleministries.com.

ROWLANDS CASTLE, St John's Church centre, Redhill Road (7.30pm): *Are you smarter than an egghead?* Hear the Rev Jonathan Jeffery, vicar of Leigh Park, share his experience on the BBC quiz show *Eggheads*, over a three-course meal. Tickets: £8, available from Mary Close on 023-9248 0650 or mary.close@live.com. Proceeds to the mission of Havant Passion Play Ltd.



EASTLEIGH, St Andrew's Methodist Church, Blenheim Road (7.30pm): *Concert by Solent Fellowship Band and The One Achord Choir.* Admission free. Retiring collection for church improvement fund.

Saturday 23 April

CROOKHORN, Church of the Good Shepherd (9.30am-11am): *Porn...the naked truth.* Event which aims to raise awareness of the damaging effects that pornography can have on individuals, families and communities. Details: www.nakedtruthproject.com or www.visibleministries.com.

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (10.30am): *Coffee morning.*

FARLINGTON, St Andrew's Church hall, Havant Road (2pm onwards): *St George's Day vintage tea party.* Music, cakes, raffle, and optional 1940s period dress. Proceeds to the Diocese of Ho in Ghana. Admission free.

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.

ROWLANDS CASTLE, St John's Church (2pm): *Jumble sale.* Admission 30p. Proceeds to church building repairs fund.

COPNOR, St Cuthbert's Church, Lichfield Road (2.30pm): *Cream tea with entertainment from Southdowns Ladies Harmony Chorus.* Tickets: £6 available on 07763 210659.

COPNOR, City Life Church, Tangier Road (7pm-8.30pm): *Porn...the naked*

tour

HOLY LAND: The Rev Phillip Amej, vicar of Church of the Holy Spirit, Southsea, is leading a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land, from July 4-13, 2017. It is organised by McCabe pilgrimages. For more details, contact Phill on 023-9211 7159 or phillip.amey@sky.com.

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NORTH END, St Mark's Church, Derby Road (7.30pm): *Evening of Entertainment to celebrate St Mark's tide.* Tickets: £5, to include light refreshments available in advance on 023-9267 8538 or on the door. Proceeds to church's 'Every Square Inch' appeal.

Sunday 24 April

WEST LEIGH, St Alban's Church, Bartons Road (4pm): *Songs of Praise to celebrate 50th anniversary of the dedication of the church.* See page 2 for details.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (8pm): *Taize-style night prayer.*

Tuesday 26 April

FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West Street (12.30pm-1.15pm): *Lunchtime concert by Zephyr Wind Ensemble.* Please bring own packed lunch. Tea, coffee and squash provided. Admission free. Retiring collection for the Church Refurbishment Fund.

Thursday 28 April

GURNARD, All Saints Church, Tuttons Hill (10.15am-12noon): *Free coffee and chat morning.*

Saturday 30 April

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Diocesan baptism and confirmation service.*

Sunday 1 May

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Evensong.*

Monday 2 May

DENMEAD, All Saints' Church Hall, Hablemead Road (10am-11.30am): *Plant sale organised by Denmead Church Flower Club.* Proceeds to charity. For more details please email secretary@denmeadchurchflowerclub.co.uk.
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church and grounds, Fratton Road (10am-4pm): *May faye.* Annual community fayre and celebration of life in Fratton. Variety of attractions including real tent, arena displays, bouncy castle, bands, funfair rides and more than 100 stalls. To book a stall or display space please contact the parish office on 023-9281 4444.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth

Cathedral, High Street (5pm): *Evensong.* Portsmouth Cathedral Choir joined by more than 70 former gap-year choral scholars, to mark the 25th anniversary of the scheme. See pages 8-9 for details.

Thursday 5 May

PORTSEA, St George's Church, St George's Square (9.45am-3.30pm): *Clergy and Reader training day.* 'Theology of Church Growth', led by mission development officer the Rev Charlie Peer. See page 2 or details.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (1.10pm-2pm): *Lunchtime live; (6pm):* *Eucharist service for Ascension Day.*

Friday 6 May

DURLEY, Holy Cross Church (7.30pm): *Concert of organ and chamber music to mark refurbishment of the organ.* Features David Thorne (organ), Charlotte Mathews (flute) and Helen Mathews (oboe). Tickets: £8/£5, to include light refreshments available on 023-8040 3889. Proceeds to organ fund.

Saturday 7 May

ALTON, Alton Abbey, Beech Road (2pm-4.30pm): *Car boot sale.* To book a space (£7 in advance) contact 01428 712938 or 01420 562126 or email friends ofaltonabbey@gmail.com. Spaces are £12 on the day. Tea or coffee and cake will be available.

Thursday 12 May

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

Saturday 14 May

DRAYTON, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Ave (2pm-4pm): *Build@Church.* Space for families to hear Bible stories, respond to them creatively using Lego and Duplo bricks, pray, and share tea, coffee, soft drinks and cake together. See www.facebook.com/buildatchurch or contact Julie Minter on julie_minter@hotmail.com or 023-9275 4130.

● *Would you like your events for May 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 April 4.*

situation vacant

BISHOP'S WALTHAM: The rector of St Peter's and Blessed Mary is seeking a parishes assistant. The job will involve supporting and assisting the rector and leaders of the two parishes including key office/church functions and co-ordinating voluntary help/administration. Applicants should have appropriate qualifications and experience in assisting/managing with some administration ability. They should be a practising Christian as their role will include listening and talking

with those who have pastoral/faith needs. The role is to help grow the discipleship and witness of the church. The job is initially expected to be for 15 hours per week, but this may increase. Flexible working arrangements will be considered. Salary: £9,360 per annum (£12 per hour). Hours of work: 15 hours per week. *Deadline for applications:* Sunday 10 April 2016. *More details:* www.portsmouth.anglican.org/jobs.

announcements

Appointments:
The Rt Rev Ian Brackley, former Bishop of Dorking, has been appointed honorary assistant bishop from March 1.
The Simon Brocklehurst, vicar, St Andrew, Ham, to be Chaplain to the Squire of Southwick from June 14.
The Rev Richard England, associate vicar, St Mark's, Gillingham, to be vicar, Holy Rood and St Edmund's, Crofton, from June 19.
The Rt Rev Jonathan Frost, Bishop

of Southampton, will also be appointed honorary assistant bishop.
The Rt Rev Michael Perham, former Bishop of Gloucester, has been appointed honorary assistant bishop from March 23.

Resignation:

The Rev Phillip Allen, vicar, St Paul's, Shanklin, will resign with effect from July 31.