

Sunday 1 May

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church
(9.30am): Solemn sung mass for Feast Day of Sts Philip and James.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): Eucharist; (6pm): Choral Evensong.
PORTCHESTER, St Mary's Church, Portchester Castle (6pm): Living Water from Ancient Wells. Series of talks on Christian spirituality. Continues on May 8, 15, 22 and 29.

Monday 2 May

DENMEAD, All Saints' Church Hall, Habledon 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 fayre. Annual community fayre and celebration of life in Fratton. Variety of attractions including real ale 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.

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 diocesan mission development officer the Rev Charlie Peer. To book a place, contact Patricia Gray (023-9289 9656 or patricia.gray@portsmouth.anglican.org).
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): Eucharist for Ascension Day.
GURNARD, All Saints Church (6.30pm-7.30pm): The Well Service. Details: the Rev Amanda Collinson (01983-294913 or amandacollinson01@gmail.com).
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton (7.30pm): Ascension Day parish mass. Includes commissioning of the PCC.

Friday 6 May

BISHOP'S WALTHAM, St Peter's Church (10am-11.30am): Coffee morning in aid of Carrie Pither. See page 2 for details.

Saturday 7 May

STUBBINGTON, Holy Rood Church (10am-12noon): Prospects Makaton taster. See page 5 for details. Refreshments served from 9.30am.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10am-4pm): Hampshire Festival of the Mind launch event. Speaker: Professor Paul Crawford, from Nottingham University. Details: www.goodmentalhealth.org.uk
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.

Sunday 8 May

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): Solemn sung mass for Ascension of our Lord.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): Eucharist; (6pm): Choral Evensong.

Monday 9 May - Friday 13 May

SOBERTON, St Peter's Church (10am-5pm): Icon-painting course. With iconographer Jackie Hunt. Details: jack@swallow2.plus.com.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: May 15-21

Volunteers from churches across our diocese will collect money door-to-door during this week to help the poorest in our world. Details on www.caweek.org. These special events will also be taking place:

Monday 9 May

LOCKS HEATH, St John the Baptist Church (8.30am): Big Brekkie. Speaker: Charlotte Scott, Christian Aid regional co-ordinator. Details from Angela Bassam on ambassam@outlook.com or 01489-278798.

Friday 13 May and Saturday 14 May

WARSASH, Warsash United Reformed Church, Warsash Road (Friday: 7.30pm; Saturday: 2pm and 7.30pm): Songs from 'Les Miserables'. Tickets free, but must be booked in advance. Donations for Christian Aid will be collected. Details & tickets: Brian Reid (07768-478679 or 01489-584317).

Saturday 14 May

SANDOWN, St John's church annexe, Carter Street (10am): Sponsored walk. Four-mile walk, lasting under three hours. Details: John Cooper

Wednesday 11 May

PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection hall, Brecon Avenue, Drayton (2pm-4pm): Care and fellowship group. Mary Tunwell speaks about the history of dolls. Admission: £1.
NITON, St John's Church (7.30pm): Forgotten Shipwrecks of World War 1. Talk by Stephen Fisher of the Maritime Archaeology Trust. Free entry, retiring collection.

Friday 13 May

SWANMORE, St Barnabas Church (7.30pm): Illustrated talk about the Gallipoli campaign. With acclaimed military historian Kit Power. See page 4 for details.

Saturday 14 May

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9.30am-3.30pm): Diocesan spirituality day. 'A day to let God love you' drawing on the spirituality of Julian of Norwich. Led by Ann Lewin. Cost: £8.50. Details: Patricia Gray (023-9289 9650 or patricia.gray@portsmouth.anglican.org).
PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Avenue, Drayton (2pm-4pm): Build@Church. Space for families to hear stories from the Bible, respond using Lego and Duplo, pray, and share refreshments together. Details: Julie Minter (julie_minter@hotmail.com or 023-9275 4130).
TITCHFIELD, Old Vicarage, Church Street (1pm): Church fete. Big band, kick boxing, country dancing and fancy dress competition for under-sevens. Proceeds to work of the church in Titchfield.
DURLEY, Church of the Holy Cross (7pm): Concert of chamber music. Featuring Peter Rhodes (piano), Charlotte Matthews (flute) and Helen Matthews (oboe). Tickets: £8/£5, available on 01489-782445 or 023-8040 3889.
SHANKLIN, St Blasius Church (7.30pm): Concert by Newchurch Male Voice Choir. Interval refreshments. Tickets: £6.

Sunday 15 May

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): Solemn sung mass for Pentecost.
SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church, Kent Road (10.30am): Funday Sunday. Breakfast, coffee, Sunday papers, children's activities and quickfire presentation about Pentecost; (4pm): Come and See. Traditional service to invite friends to.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): Eucharist; (6pm): Choral Evensong.
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church,

(01983-403410 or 07999-853807).
SWANMORE, Barnaby's coffee shop (from 10am): Christian Aid coffee morning.

Sunday 15 May

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (8.45am-10.15am & after 10.30am service): Big Brekkie. Raising money for Christian Aid.
SOUTHWICK, Memorial Hall (2pm): Christian Aid sponsored walk. Variety of walks, including short family walk with quiz around village. Optional family picnic from 12.30pm. Details: Robin Boston (01329-832618 or w.boston@outlook.com).

Saturday 21 May

PORTSMOUTH, St Nicholas church hall, Battenburg Avenue, North End (9.30am-11.30am): Big Brekkie. Guest speaker from Christian Aid. Free breakfast, donations to Christian Aid.

Fratton Road (4pm): Music foundation concert. Admission free. Retiring collection in aid of St Mary's Music Foundation, which supports young people from the parish to develop musical skills.
FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West Street (6pm-8pm): Pentecost Praise. Christians Together in Fareham invite you to an evening of words, music and drama taking us from Easter to Pentecost.
WINCHESTER, Winchester Cathedral (7pm): Pentecost beacon event. Part of the Archbishop's 'This Kingdom Come' event. Details: www.thykingdom.co.uk.

Thursday 19 May

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

Saturday 21 May

PORTSMOUTH, Lakeside, North Harbour (9am-12noon): Restorative Justice and the Church in Portsmouth. Half-day conference organised by Portsmouth Mediation Service. See page 5 for details.
PORTSMOUTH, St Philip's Church, Hawthorn Crescent, Cosham (11am-2pm): Table-top sale. Tables to hire (£5 in advance). Refreshments include bacon rolls and homemade soup and cakes. Entrance: 40p. Details: 023-9237 9278.
PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Avenue, Drayton (2pm-4pm): Messy Church. Families learn about God through art and craft activities, and share worship and refreshments.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (2pm-4pm): Messy Cathedral. Art and craft activities, short act of worship and refreshments.
ALTON, Alton Abbey, Beech Road (6.30pm for 7.30pm): Concert by Winchester University Foundation Music soloists and King Alfred Consort Chamber Choir. Preceded by wine and refreshments. Tickets: £15, available on friends of altonabbey@gmail.com.
SWANMORE, St Barnabas Church (7.30pm): Spring concert. The Pontypridd Male Choir with Welsh tenor Ben Smith

tour

HOLY LAND: The Rev Phillip Amey, 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 023-9311 7159 or phillip.amey@sky.com.

are back after a sell-out concert in 2014. Tickets: £16/£10, including glass of wine, available from Jan (01489-894266) or Tony (01489-892581). Details: www.stbarnabas.org.uk
GURNARD, All Saints Church (7.30pm): Concert by the Phoenix Choir. Retiring collection. Contact: Keith Gatrell (01983-524958).

Sunday 22 May

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): Solemn sung mass for Feast of the Holy Trinity.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): City service; (6pm): Eucharist.



Aled Jones (Portsmouth Cathedral, June 2)

Wednesday 25 May

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9.45am-3.30pm): Bishop's training day. 'In all things lawful and honest'. A training day for incumbents, churchwardens and parish administrators. Includes information about marriage law, facilities, financial obligations, safeguarding, property and other issues. Details: patricia.gray@portsmouth.anglican.org or 023-9289 9656.

Thursday 26 May

GURNARD, All Saints Church (10.15am-12noon): Coffee and chat. Come along for a chat. Free coffee and cake.

Saturday 28 May

RYDE, St John's Church (11am-2pm): Plant and bake sale and ploughman's lunches.
NEWTOWN, Meonwood, Heath Road (2pm): Holy Trinity church fete. Opened by Derek Gamblin. Plants, stalls, side-shows, auction, dog agility display, car and tractor displays, teas, activities for children. Details: sjwells@meonwood.co.uk or 01329-834130.

Saturday 28 May - Tuesday 31 May

BEMBRIDGE, Holy Trinity Church

item wanted

WATERLOOVILLE: Has your church got an unused organ stall which could be loaned or purchased by St George's Church, Waterlooville?

Ideally a stall that can be raised and lowered is needed for the new organist. Offers please to Rod Starr on 01243-376054.

announcements

Appointments:
The Rev Paul Chamberlain, priest-in-charge, St Faith's, Lee-on-the-Solent, to also be assistant area dean.
The Rev Samantha Duddles, assistant curate, Upper Dever, Winchester, to be team vicar, North End Team Ministry, and Youth and Further Education Chaplain, Portsmouth deanery, from June 30.
Canon David Isaac, to be area dean, Isle of Wight, from May 11.
The Rev Karen Mitchell, priest-in-

charge, Elson and Bridgemary, to also be area dean, Gosport.
The Rev Alex Wood, assistant curate, St Peter's, Brighton, to be priest-in-charge, St Alban's, Copnor, and minister of Harbour Church (Bishop's Mission Order), from May 18.

Resignation:
The Rev Sandra Phillips, to resign as assistant priest, Christ Church, Portsdown, with effect from May 1.

(10am-5pm daily): Flower Festival: Rhapsody in Bloom. Entrance free, donations welcome.

Sunday 29 May

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): Solemn sung mass for Feast of Corpus Christi.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): Eucharist; (6pm): Choral Evensong; (8pm): Taizé-style night prayer.

Thursday 2 June - Saturday 4 June

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6.30pm): Aled Jones concert.
GURNARD, All Saints Church (6.30pm-7.30pm): The Well Service. Details: The Rev Amanda Collinson (01983-294913 or amandacollinson01@gmail.com).

Thursday 2 June - Saturday 4 June

CHICHESTER, Chichester Cathedral (Thursday & Friday: 9.30am-7pm, Saturday: 9.30am-6pm): Chichester Festival of Flowers. See 50,000 blooms in 80 extraordinary arrangements, illustrating world-renowned art and artists spanning five centuries. Details: www.chichester.tickets.co.uk or 01243-813595.

Saturday 4 June

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9.30am-1pm): Diocesan spirituality day. 'Surrounded by witnesses' with Canon David Isaac, acting area dean of the Isle of Wight. Cost: £6. Details: Patricia Gray (023-9289 9650 or patricia.gray@portsmouth.anglican.org).

Saturday 4 June - Sunday 5 June

UPPER FROYLE, St Mary's Church (11am-5pm): 18th Century Vestments Display. Unique vestments display coincides with Froyle Gardens Group open weekend. Home-made teas in village hall. Details: www.froylevestmentsgroup.org.uk.

Sunday 5 June

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): D-Day and Normandy Fellowship service; (6pm): Eucharist.

Saturday 11 June

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (7.30pm): Celebration of English Music: A Garland for the Queen.

● Would you like your events for June 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 May 9.