

Tuesday 1 November

CHICHESTER, Bishop's Palace (10am-3.30pm): *Art and Christianity regional study day.* Talks and discussion on art and Christianity for anyone in the region. Tickets: £10/£7, including lunch: www.acetrust.org/education-and-events.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Eucharist for All Saints Day.*

Wednesday 2 November

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (12noon): *Mass and charity lunch; (7.30pm): Mozart's Requiem Mass.* Service to remember and pray for those who we have loved who have died.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Eucharist for All Souls Day.*

Friday 4 November

NEWPORT, St John's Church (7.30pm): *Orpheus Singers perform Duruflé's Requiem and other sacred music.* Includes music by Mozart, Bach and Lott. Admission: £10, in aid of St John's 2020 Vision Fund. Details: www.orpheussingers.org.uk

Saturday 5 November

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9.30am): *Diocesan synod Eucharist.* Followed by meeting of Diocesan Synod in Cathedral House. See page 2 for details; (6pm): *Diocesan baptism and confirmation service.* With Bishop Christopher.
PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (10.30am): *Coffee morning.*

Sunday 6 November

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (10am): *Sunday Mass.* Guest preacher: the Very Rev Jane Hedges, Dean of Norwich Cathedral.
GOSPORT, Holy Trinity Church (3.30pm): *Consort by the Nelson Consort, directed by Oliver Hancock.* Eight-voice chamber choir including work by Grieg and Howells. Admission free, retiring collection. Followed by tea and cakes.

Wednesday 9 November

PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection hall (2pm): *Care and fellowship group.* Theme: History and Mystery of Nursery Rhymes. Admission: £1, includes refreshments and raffle ticket.

Friday 11 November

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm): *Pompey Pluckers and quiz night.* Tickets, priced at £5, available on 023-9281 4444.

Saturday 12 November

PORTSMOUTH, All Saints Church, Commercial Road (7.30am-9am): *Men's breakfast.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (10am): *Coffee morning.* Raising funds for the Brooke Charity, an international animal welfare charity dedicated to improving the lives of working animals in the Middle East and elsewhere.
STUBBINGTON, St Edmund's Church, Lychgate Green (10am): *Yuletide fayre.* Cakes, jigsaws, bric-a-brac, toys, Christmas gifts, books and more. Proceeds to the upkeep of St Edmund's Church.
EMSWORTH, St James church hall (10am-11.30am): *Exhibition of photos of young carers.* Raising awareness of their plight, with the Children's Society, Fair Trade, Emsworth Good Neighbours and Mothers' Union. Tickets: £2.50, free to under 10s, on 01243-372428.
PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Avenue (2pm-4pm): *Build@Church.* Free, fun activity for families. Respond to Bible stories by building in Lego and Duplo, pray and share tea/coffee and cake. Details: www.farlingtonparish.co.uk/BuildatChurch, or

Special puppet show held in memory of Tony

ST Peter's Church in Titchfield will host a very special puppet show this month.

One Way UK Puppet Academy will present 'Celebration' – a tribute to Tony Sheppard, on November 12.

The academy includes some of the best Christian puppeteers working in the UK at the moment, who will come from across the country to take part in this special show.

Tony and his wife Penny ran a puppet group at St Peter's Church for many years, but 12 months ago Tony died of Motor Neurone Disease. This event will be held on the first anniversary of his death.

It will also include a presentation by the church's former puppet group, led by former puppeteer Jess Mansfield.

The group is reforming especially for this

occasion, and have been busy practising again for their big night.

A representative from the Motor Neurone Disease Association is also likely to say a few words about the debilitating disease.

The evening starts at 6.30pm. Tickets are £5 or £2.50 and available on 01329-847003 or 01329-845428. Proceeds will go to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.



Tony Sheppard with Penny and their grandson Ben

ring Julie Minter on 023-9275 4130.

TITCHFIELD, St Peter's Church (6.30pm): *Celebration.* A tribute to Tony Sheppard. Tickets: £5/£2.50. For details, see panel above.

FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West Street (7.30pm): *Fareham Philharmonic Choir's autumn concert.* Includes John Rutter's *Magnificat*, Michael Hurd's *Five Sacred Pieces*, Bob Chilcott's *Little Jazz Mass*, and Britten's *Te Deum and Jubilate*. Tickets: £12/£10/£2, available on 01329-664948 or 01329-231899.

Sunday 13 November

PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (9.30am): *Eucharist including Act of Remembrance.*
VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Act of Remembrance, followed by Solemn Sung Mass.*

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (10am): *Eucharist including Act of Remembrance.*

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (10am): *Eucharist including Act of Remembrance; (3pm):* *British Legion Service of Remembrance.* Join local branch of Royal British Legion to remember those who gave their lives.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): *Mattins for Remembrance Sunday; (6pm):* *Eucharist; (8pm):* *Portsmouth Grammar School Remembrance Sunday concert.*

PORTSMOUTH, St Andrew's Church (10.45am): *Remembrance Sunday.* Formal Act of Remembrance, including laying of wreaths on war memorial.

GODSHILL, All Saints Church (11am): *Act of Remembrance, followed by Sung Eucharist.* Celebrant and preacher: Bishop Christopher.

BOTLEY, All Saints Church (6.30pm): *Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion with Faure's Requiem.* For Remembrance Sunday.

Thursday 17 November

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

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

NEWPORT, St John's church hall (7.30pm): *China.* Illustrated talk by Shirley Rudd. Admission: £2. In aid of St John's 2020 Vision Fund.

Saturday 19 November

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, Merton Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet day.* Led by the Rev John Mills. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks and tea provided. Cost: £6. Please let the Sisters know if you want to attend on 023-9283 3498 on sss@sistersofbethany.org.uk.
PORTSMOUTH, St James Church, Milton Road, Milton (10.30am-1pm): *Christmas bazaar.* Refreshments, grand draw, face-painting, toiletries, books, Santa's grotto and cakes.

PORTSMOUTH, St Cuthbert's Church, Lichfield Road, Copnor (10.30am-2.30pm): *Christmas fayre.*

Stalls include preserves, books, cakes and tombola. Refreshments. Admission: 50p (accompanied children: free).

PORTSMOUTH, All Saints Church, Commercial Road (11am-2.30pm): *Christmas fayre.* Grand raffle, stalls including cakes, tombola, bric-a-brac and light refreshments.

PORTSMOUTH, St Philip's church hall, Hawthorn Crescent (12noon-3pm): *Christmas fayre.* Enjoy raffles, tombolas and games; meet Santa in his grotto; buy Christmas books, gifts and homemade cakes, jams and chutneys. Entrance: 40p.

PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Avenue (2pm-4pm): *Messy Church.* Families can enjoy art and craft, a short celebration and then share a simple meal together.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (2pm): *Messy Cathedral; (5pm):* *Royal School of Church Music area festival.* Led by RSCM director Andrew Reid, using the latest publication *With Sainly Shout and Solemn Jubilee*. Cost: £10/£5. Details: Oliver Hancock (023-9282 3300 or oliver.hancock@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk)

Sunday 20 November

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Solemn Sung Mass to celebrate Christ the King.*

PORTSMOUTH, All Saints Church, Commercial Road (3pm): *Memorial service.*

Monday 21 November

GOSPORT, Holy Trinity Church (1pm-1.30pm): *Organ recital by Gillian Lloyd.* Admission free, retiring collection.

PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (7.30pm-9pm): *Advent Reflections – Looking for Light.* To prepare for Advent and Christmas, a series of evenings looking at how we seek out the light of Christ in the darkness of the world. Includes candlelit worship, reflection and discussion. Also on November 30.

Saturday 26 November

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, Fratton (10am): *Christmas fair.*

PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Avenue (3pm): *Palm Court Teas.* Live music and high tea to raise money for charity. Tickets: £7.50, available on 023-9242 1849.

LOCKS HEATH, St John's Church (7.30pm): *St Cecilia's Concert by Botley Choral Society.* Double bill of JS Bach's *Cantata No 140* and CPE Bach's *Magnificat*. Tickets: £12/£10, available on 01489-782445. Details: www.botleychoral.co.uk.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm-9.30pm): *Evening to consider a Portsmouth response to the refugee crisis.* Speakers include Michael Woolley, from Friends Without Borders, Julia Thistleton-Smith, from the Rural Refugee Trust, and Jess Gealer, from the Modern Slavery Partnership.

Sunday 27 November

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Solemn Sung Mass.*
SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church, Kent Road (10.30am): *Funday Sunday.*

Breakfast, real coffee, Sunday papers and children's activities before a quick-fire presentation on 'Is the Bible true?'; (4pm): *Come and See.*

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): *Eucharist and launch of next year's theme.* With the Bishop of Salisbury; (6pm): *Advent carols.*

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (6.30pm): *Candlelit Advent service.*
NEWPORT, St John's Church (6.30pm): *Advent carol service.*

BOTLEY, All Saints Church (7.30pm): *St Cecilia's Concert by Botley Choral Society.* Double bill of JS Bach's *Cantata No 140* and CPE Bach's *Magnificat*. Tickets: £12/£10, available on 01489-782445. Details: www.botleychoral.co.uk.

Tuesday 29 November

FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church (12.30pm): *Lunchtime concert by Stokes Bay Strummers, ukelele band.* Bring your sandwiches, tea and coffee supplied. Free admission, retiring collection.

Wednesday 30 November

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (3pm): *BBC live broadcast of Choral Evensong.*

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, Merton Road (7.30pm): *Advent carol service.* Speaker: Canon Bryan Marshall. Cost: £3, in aid of Four Homes of Mercy, Banbury. Please ring 023-9283 3498 or email sss@sistersofbethany.org.uk for a ticket.

Thursday 1 December -

Sunday 4 December
LOCKS HEATH, St John's Church (Thursday: 10am-5pm; Friday: 10am-7pm; Saturday: 10am-5pm; Sunday: 12noon-4pm): *Christmas tree festival.* Theme: Past, present and future.

Friday 2 December -

Sunday 4 December
PORTSMOUTH, St Cuthbert's Church, Lichfield Road, Copnor (Friday: 7.30pm; Saturday: 11am-5.30pm; Sunday: 11am-5pm): *Christmas tree festival.* Includes concert on Friday with the Fine Academy Voice Choir. Tickets £7, details on 07763-210659. Admission on Saturday and Sunday: £2. Live musical entertainment, including Pompey Pluckers and Westover Primary

School. Grand draw, children's activities, refreshments and Father Christmas.

Friday 2 December

PORTCHESTER, St Mary's Church (7pm): *Singing workshop for (8.30pm):* *Come and Sing Handel's Messiah.* Conducted by Paul Pilott, accompanied by organ and string orchestra. Includes mulled wine and mince pies at 8pm. Admission free with retiring collection.

Saturday 3 December

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11am): *Christmas fair.*
WARREN PARK, St Clare's Church (6pm): *Community Nativity play.* See page 7 for details.
SHANKLIN, St Blasius Church, Church Road (7pm): *Concert by the Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys, Canterbury.* High standard, free admission, retiring collection and interval refreshments.

Sunday 4 December

WARREN PARK, St Clare's Church (2pm): *Community Nativity play.* See page 7 for details.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (3pm): *RNLI carol service.*
PORTSMOUTH, All Saints Church, Commercial Road (5pm): *Advent carol service.*

Wednesday 7 December

COWPLAIN, St Wilfrid's Church (7.30pm): *Simeon's Watch.* Family Christmas play performed by Riding Lights Theatre Company.

Thursday 8 December -

Sunday 11 December
BRIGHTSTONE, St Mary's Church, Methodist Church, Wilberforce Hall, MOTTISTONE, St Peter and St Paul Church and other venues (daily: 10am-5pm): *Christmas tree festival.* Dozens of trees decorated by community groups, plus special events including music concerts, carol services and nativities. See www.btxf.org or December's *Pompey Chimes* for full details.

● *Would you like your events for December or January 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 November 7. NB: There is no separate January edition.*

announcements

Appointments:

Richard Wharton, schools adviser for Portsmouth and Winchester dioceses, also to be ordained as assistant curate on November 27 to serve in North End Team Ministry.

Lewis Jones, children and youth work co-ordinator, Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn, is now also diocesan webmaster and communications assistant, with effect from October 24.