

Wednesday 1 February

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Holy Communion.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (12noon): *Mass and charity lunch.* Proceeds will support a charity.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (12noon): *Holy Communion with prayer for wholeness and healing.*

Thursday 2 February

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (1.10pm): *Lunchtime live.* Sonamus with clarinet, piano, bassoon. Free, with retiring collection: (6pm): *Candlemas Eucharist.*
GURNARD, All Saints Church (6.30pm-7.30pm): *The Well service.* Informal service with music and prayers.
PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Landport (7.30pm): *Sung mass for Candlemas.* Led by the Rev Sam Duddles, deanery youth chaplaincy.

Saturday 4 February

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9.30am-11am): *Junior Sing!* A new choir for children in Years 3-6. Have fun singing. Refreshments provided for children, as well as bacon sandwiches, tea, coffee and morning papers for parents; (2pm): *Concert by Southampton University Chamber Choir.* Music by Dove, Lauridsen and George Arthur. Free entry, retiring collection; (6pm): *Diocesan baptism and confirmation service.*
PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street (10am-4pm): *Workers' Educational Association day school.* John Billman leads a day on 'An Introduction to Ancient Egypt'. Fee: £25. Book via the WEA on <http://bit.ly/2gjOhfa>
GURNARD, All Saints Church (10.30am-3pm): *Book fair.* Soup lunches from 12noon, plus tea, coffee and cake.
DENMEAD, All Saints Church, Habledon Road (3pm or 5.30pm): *To Be A Light.* Come and Sing Candlemas Evensong organised by the Royal School of Church Music, with music by Eccard, Harris, Balfour Gardiner and others. Rehearsal at 3pm, service at 5.30pm. Cost: £5, includes refreshments and music. Details: rscmpompsouth@gmail.com

Sunday 5 February

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Solemn sung mass.* On the Feast of St Agatha.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): *Eucharist;* (6pm): *Candlemas carols.*
GOSPORT, Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Green (3.30pm): *Recital by the Dolce String Quartet.* Admission free, retiring collection.

Wednesday 8 February

PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection hall, Brecon Avenue, Drayton (2pm-4pm): *Care and fellowship group.* Speaker: Brian Barratt, who will talk about local author Jane Austen. Admission: £1, including refreshments.

Thursday 9 February

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (1.10pm): *Lunchtime live.* Portsmouth Grammar School musicians. Free, retiring collection.

Saturday 11 February

GURNARD, All Saints Church (10am-2pm): *Book fair with a soup lunch.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (10.30am): *Valentine's coffee morning.* Proceeds to support the British Heart Foundation.
PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Drayton (2pm-4pm): *Build@Church.* Free, fun family activity, which includes hearing Bible stories and responding in Lego, prayer and refreshments. Details: www.farlingtonparish.co.uk/BuildatChurch.

Choir makes welcome return

THE Hampshire Police Male Voice Choir will make a welcome return to St Peter's Church, Titchfield, on Saturday 11 March. Musical Director Terri Freeman has brought this 60-strong choir to a high level of performance, with operatic choruses, songs from the shows, sixties pop music, folk songs and hymns. The choir has performed at major venues at home, including the Royal Albert Hall, and abroad. In April the choir will be on a tour of Cornwall, singing at Truro Cathedral, The Eden Project and at Bude Methodist Church. The in-demand choir last performed in St Peter's in 2011. Their guest artiste will be Floss Downs, who has

her own large following, and has happily given a number of concerts at St Peter's in aid of church funds. The concert has been organised by the Friends of St Peter's, which raises money to keep this beautiful building in good order. Tickets are £12 each and are available from the church office, or by ringing 01329 315893.



Hampshire Police Male Voice Choir in concert

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (5pm): *Evensong.* With Wessex Chamber Choir.

Sunday 12 February

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Service to celebrate St Valentine, priest and martyr.*
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): *Eucharist.* With Wessex Chamber Choir; (6pm): *Evensong.* With Wessex Chamber Choir.
TITCHFIELD, St Peter's Church (2pm): *IDWAL roadshow.* The chance to find out more about our IDWAL link with Ghana; (4pm): *Evening service.* Led by the Rt Rev Alex Asmah, Bishop of Sekondi and Bishop Christopher. See page 7 for details.
PORTCHESTER, St Mary's parish office (2.15pm): *Living with grief.* Start of a bereavement course, for those who have been recently bereaved and others interested in the issue. See page 4 for details.

Sunday 12 February -

Monday 13 February
CROOKHORN, Church of the Good Shepherd (Sunday: 6.30pm-8.30pm; Monday: 10am-12noon and 6.30pm-8.30pm): *The Wilderness.* Series of prayer installations for those going through tough times. Come and go as you please.

Tuesday 14 February

PORTSMOUTH, Becket Hall, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street (2pm): *Silver Screen Film: 'The King and I'.* Tickets free from the cathedral shop.

Wednesday 15 February

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Holy Communion.* Said traditional rite.

Thursday 16 February

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (12noon): *Charity lunch.* Proceeds to support SDAS (Southern Domestic Abuse Services).
GURNARD, All Saints Church (2pm-4pm): *The Elephant Club.* Melody and memory with Anne Linington. Free group designed to exercise the memory muscles.
VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (7.30pm): *Concert by Brighton Youth Orchestra String Ensemble.* Featuring Bach's *D Minor Piano Concerto.* Free admission, retiring collection.

Friday 17 February

PORTSMOUTH, The Lodge, Sywell Crescent, Anchorage Park (9.45am-1pm): *Hopeweaver Quiet Day.* Come and experience prayer, silence and creativity with the Community of Hopeweavers. Includes a simple lunch. For information, see www.hopeweavers.co.uk, and to book a place contact Sue on hopeweavers@gmail.com or ring 07821-105245.

Saturday 18 February

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet day.* Led by the Rev Bill Stillwell. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks and tea provided. Cost: £6. Please let the Sisters know if

you would like to attend on 0239283 3498 or ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk.
PORTSMOUTH, St Philip's church hall, Hawthorn Crescent, Cosham (11am-2pm): *Table-top sale.* Tables for hire, £5 in advance. Bacon rolls and homemade soup and cakes available. Entrance: 40p. Details: 023-9237 9278.
PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Drayton (2pm-4pm): *Messy Church.* Art and craft based on a Bible theme, a short celebration and refreshments.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Concert by the Solent Symphony Orchestra.* Music by Sullivan, Binge and Williams. Tickets: £12/£5/£1, available on 01962-886519.

Sunday 19 February

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): *Eucharist.* With the Cathedral Choir; (3pm): *Service to celebrate the Roberts Centre's 30th anniversary.* With Bishop Christopher. See pages 8-9 for details. (6pm): *Evensong.* With the Cathedral Choir.

Monday 20 February

GOSPORT, Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Green (1pm-1.30pm): *Organ and trumpet concert.* With Liz Le Grove and Russ Young.
SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (1.30pm-4.30pm): *Quiet afternoon.* Led by Lynn New. Cost: £3. Please let the Sisters know if you would like to attend on 023-9283 3498 or ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk.

Thursday 23 February

GURNARD, All Saints Church (10.15am-12noon): *Coffee and chat.* Enjoy the company of others.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (1.10pm): *Lunchtime live.* Jordan English plays the organ. Free, retiring collection.
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (7.30pm): *Concert by the Royal Marine School of Music.*

Friday 24 February -

Saturday 25 February
SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church (Friday: 7pm-9.30pm or Saturday: 10am-2pm): *Creating a culture of invitation.* Follow-up to last year's Leading Your Church Into Growth conference. For details, see page 3.

Saturday 25 February

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9.30am-11am): *Junior Sing!* A new choir for children in Years 3-6. Have fun singing. Refreshments provided for children, as well as bacon sandwiches, tea, coffee and morning papers for parents; (2pm): *Messy Cathedral.* An hour of fun and craft followed by a short service and afternoon tea.
PORTSMOUTH, Becket Hall, St Thomas's Street (10am-4pm): *Workers' Educational Association day school.* Elaine Alexander will lead 'A whistle-stop tour of film history', using silent and black

and white music clips to explore the history of film. Fee: £25. Book via the WEA on <http://bit.ly/2gSZF2b>
BOURNEMOUTH, Christ Church, Westbourne (10am-4pm): *Crossing Cultures Day.* Theme: 'Words of Life: Bringing the Bible alive for international students'. Organised by Friends International, including talks, workshops and discussions. Details: Clare Brooks on portsmouthinternationalcafe@gmail.com or 07827-276202.
PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (2.30pm and 7.30pm): *Aladdin and His Lamp.* The parish pantomime for St Mary's parish. See members of the clergy on stage in disguise. Tickets: 023-9281 4444.

Sunday 26 February

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Solemn sung mass.*
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): *Eucharist.* With the Cathedral Choir; (6pm): *Evensong.* With the Cathedral Choir; (8pm): *Taizé-style night prayer.* Quiet and reflective 40-minute service using music and chants from the Taizé Community in France.

Tuesday 28 February

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm): *Community evening.* Owen Devine, a planner for Hampshire County Council, has created a board game called Footprint, based on Portsmouth, which involves the environment, sustainability and simple changes we can make to enable us to take better care of the Earth. Join board-game sessions and enjoy pancakes with members of the local community.
BOTLEY, All Saints Church, High Street (7pm): *Come and Sing for your pancakes.* Music for Lent and Easter, followed by pancakes. Tickets: £5.
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (7.30pm): *Caribbean party and pancake race for Shrove Tuesday.* Food, music and dancing. Tickets: £5/£3, available on 023-9281 4444.

Wednesday 1 March

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday.* With the imposition of ashes.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (12noon): *Holy Communion with prayer for wholeness and healing;* (6pm): *Eucharist for Ash Wednesday.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (12noon): *Mass for Ash*

Wednesday and charity lunch. Proceeds to support the Bishop's Lent Appeal; (7.30pm): *Sung mass for Ash Wednesday.*

Thursday 2 March

GURNARD, All Saints Church (6.30pm-7.30pm): *The Well service.* Informal service with music and prayers.

Friday 3 March

STUBBINGTON, Methodist Church, Burnt House Lane (1.45pm): *Women's World Day of Prayer service.* Led by the Stubbington Catholic Community. Theme: 'Am I Being Unfair to You?'. Service created by the Christian women of the Philippines. Followed by refreshments.

Saturday 4 March

PORTSMOUTH, Becket Hall, St Thomas's Street (10am): *Diocesan Synod.*

Sunday 5 March

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (8.45am): *Fairtrade breakfast;* (10.30am): *Eucharist.* With the Cathedral Choir; (6pm): *Evensong.* With the Cathedral Choir.
GOSPORT, Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Green (3.30pm): *The Betty Whetstone Memorial Concert.* Admission free, retiring collection.

Wednesday 8 March

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm): *Lent Lecture with Dr Ruth Valerio.*

Saturday 11 March

TITCHFIELD, St Peter's Church (7.30pm): *Concert by Hampshire Male Voice Choir.* See panel above for details. Tickets: £12, available on 01329-315893.

Saturday 18 March

PORTSMOUTH, St George's Church, Portsea (9.30am-12.30pm): *Vocations Day.* If you feel called to ministry, here is a chance to meet those who have already responded to God's call. Talk to them to help discern what God might be calling you to. Contact: the Rev Belinda Davies, acting diocesan director of ordinands on belinda.davies@portsmouth.anglican.org

● *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 6.*

announcements

Appointments

Canon Nick Fennemore, chaplain to Southern Health Trust, became also interim minister. Soberton with Newtown, from January 22.
The Rev Alison Kerr, priest-in-charge of Whippingham with East Cowes, became area dean of the Isle of Wight

on January 25.
Canon David Isaac, became associate area dean of the Isle of Wight on January 25.
Canon Mike Sheffield, vicar, St George's Church, Waterlooville, became an Honorary Canon of Portsmouth Cathedral on November 20.