

**Wednesday 1 March**

**VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am):** *Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday.* With the imposition of ashes.  
**GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin, Rowner Lane (10am):** *Said mass with ashing; (7.30pm):* *Sung mass with ashing and address.*  
**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.*  
**GODSHILL, All Saints Church (6pm):** *Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with imposition of ashes.*

**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.  
**GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin, Rowner (7pm):** *Stations of the Cross.*

**Saturday 4 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Landport (10am):** *Coffee morning.* Coffee, chat, cakes and the chance to raise money for the Bishop's Lent Appeal.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Becket Hall, St Thomas's Street (10am):** *Diocesan Synod.* See page 3 for details.  
**GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin, Rowner Lane (12noon):** *Lent lunch.* In aid of children in Romania.

**Sunday 5 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (8.45am):** *Fairtrade breakfast; (10.30am):* *Eucharist.* With the Cathedral Choir; **(6pm):** *Evensong.* With the Cathedral Choir.  
**VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am):** *Solemn sung mass.*  
**GOSPORT, Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Green (3.30pm):** *The Betty Whetstone Memorial Concert.* Admission free, retiring collection.  
**MEONSTOKE, St Andrew's Church (7pm):** *Come and Sing the Messiah.* Includes optional rehearsal from 5.45pm-6.30pm. Please bring a score if you have one. Entry free, with retiring collection. Refreshments include glass of wine. Details: Lorna (01489-877718) or Cathy (01489-877804).

**Tuesday 7 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10am-3pm):** *Lent quiet day.* Bishop Christopher and our spirituality adviser the Rev Ruth Tuschling lead 'Walking in his steps: at the foot of the cross' with clergy, Readers and spiritual directors.

**Wednesday 8 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon):** *Mass and charity lunch.* Proceeds to the Bishop's Lent Appeal.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm):** *Lent Lecture with Dr Ruth Valerio from A Rocha.* Ruth holds a PhD for research into simplicity and consumerism, which led to her book *Just Living.* Part of the cathedral's All Things Bright and Beautiful theme for 2017. Free admission.  
**FAREHAM, St John's Church (7.30pm):** *Discovering Lay Vocations.* For those who feel called to lay ministry. See page 5 for details.

**TV man on tree conservation**

OUR cathedral will welcome broadcaster Clive Anderson to deliver a Lent Lecture this month.

He'll be speaking from 7pm on March 15 in his capacity as president of the Woodlands Trust, a post he has held for 10 years. He has taken a long interest in the problems facing the natural world, and in trees in particular.

He is best known for presenting TV shows such as *Whose Line Is*

*It Anyway?* and *Clive Anderson Talks Back*, as well as *Loose Ends* and *Unreliable Evidence* on Radio 4.

The lecture is part of the cathedral's 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' theme for 2017 which was launched on Advent Sunday by the Bishop of Salisbury, the Rt Rev Nicholas Holtam, and aims to explore faith, ecology and the environment.

Other themed events

include a Lent Lecture from 7pm on March 8 by Dr Ruth Valerio from Christian conservation organisation A Rocha. Professor Dave Goulson will deliver his lecture from 7pm on April 5.

There's also a guided walk of Hundred Acre Wood near Wickham with Dr Sara Collins from 10am on March 22. And Sharon Court from the deanery youth chaplaincy leads a Lent workshop from 7pm on March 29.



Broadcaster Clive Anderson

**Thursday 9 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (12noon):** *Mass and charity lunch.* Proceeds to the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

**Friday 10 March**

**GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin, Rowner (7pm):** *Stations of the Cross.*

**Saturday 11 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (9.30am-11am):** *Junior Sing.* Chance for seven to 11-year-olds to learn some singing skills. Bacon sandwiches provided.  
**SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm):** *Quiet day.* Led by the Rev Phillip Amey. Cost: £6. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks and tea provided. Please let the Sisters know if you wish to attend on 023-9283 3498 or [ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk](mailto:ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk)  
**GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin, Rowner Lane (12noon):** *Lent lunch.* In aid of children in Romania.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Farlington (2pm-4pm):** *Build@Church.* Families use Lego and Duplo to respond to a Bible story, and enjoy prayers and refreshments. See [www.farlingtonparish.co.uk/BuildatChurch](http://www.farlingtonparish.co.uk/BuildatChurch).  
**TITCHFIELD, St Peter's Church (7.30pm):** *Concert by Hampshire Male Voice Choir.* With guest artiste Fliss Downs. Tickets: £12, available on 01329-315893.  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm):** *Concert by Portsmouth Choral Union.* Performance of *Confitebor Tibi, Domine* by Samuel Wesley. Tickets: £14, available on 023-9282 2227 or [puticketing@gmail.com](mailto:puticketing@gmail.com). See page 4 for details.

**Sunday 12 March**

**VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am):** *Solemn sung mass.*

**Wednesday 15 March**

**VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am):** *Holy Communion; (6.45pm):* *BCP Evening prayer.*  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon):** *Mass and charity lunch.* Proceeds to the Bishop's Lent Appeal.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm):** *Lent Lecture with Clive Anderson, president of the Woodlands Trust.* See panel above for details. Part of the cathedral's All Things Bright and Beautiful theme for 2017. Free admission.

**Thursday 16 March**

**GURNARD, All Saints Church (2pm-4pm):** *The Elephant Club.* Melody and Memory with Ann Linington. Free group designed to exercise the memory muscles.  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm):** *Royal Marine School of Music concert.*

**Friday 17 March**

**GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin,**

**Rowner (7pm):** *Stations of the Cross.*

**Saturday 18 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (10am):** *Spring fair.* Traditional church fair with refreshments, stalls, games and a raffle.  
**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. See page 5 for details. Contact: the Rev Belinda Davies, acting diocesan director of ordinands on [belinda.davies@portsmouth.anglican.org](mailto:belinda.davies@portsmouth.anglican.org).  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Philip's Church, Hawthorn Crescent, Cosham (11am-2pm):** *Table-top sale.* Tables to hire for £5, book in advance. Refreshments with bacon rolls, homemade soup and cakes. Entrance: 40p. Details: 023-9237 9278.  
**GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin, Rowner Lane (12noon):** *Lent lunch.* In aid of children in Romania.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Farlington (2pm-4pm):** *Messy Church.* Families enjoy art and craft, refreshments and a short act of worship.  
**RYDE, Ryde Methodist Church, Garfield Road (7.30pm):** *Performance of Roger Jones' musical Barnabas.* By Roger Jones and his team, and a choir from churches across the island. See page 5 for details.

**Sunday 19 March**

**VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am):** *Solemn sung mass for the feast of St Joseph.*  
**NEWPORT, St John's Church, Drake Road (3.30pm):** *Performance of Roger Jones' musical Barnabas.* By Roger Jones and his team, and a choir from churches across the island. See page 5 for details.  
**BONCHURCH, St Boniface Church (6.30pm):** *Choral Evensong.*

**Monday 20 March**

**WOOTTON, St Mark's Church (10am-4pm):** *Launch of Tovertafel to help dementia sufferers.* See page 16 for details.

**Tuesday 21 March**

**NEWPORT, Gunville Methodist Church, Gunville Road (7.30pm):** *Roger Jones teaching seminar: Spirit Works.* Inspiring teaching, worship and ministry, based on Roger Jones's new book. See page 5 for details.

**Wednesday 22 March**

**NEAR WICKHAM, Hundred Acre Wood (10am):** *Guided walk with Dr Sara Collins, finishing with a pub lunch.* Part of the cathedral's All Things Bright and Beautiful theme for 2017. Register here: <http://bit.ly/2jgEMih>  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon):** *Mass and charity lunch.* Proceeds to the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

**Thursday 23 March**

**GURNARD, All Saints Church**

**(10.15am-12noon):** *Coffee and chat.*  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, Fratton (12noon):** *Charity lunch.* Proceeds to the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

**Friday 24 March**

**GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin, Rowner (7pm):** *Stations of the Cross.*  
**NEWPORT, St John's Church (7.30pm):** *St John's Heritage Lecture.* John Matthews will speak on 'The History and Work of the Coroner'. Admission: £2, including light refreshments. Proceeds in aid of St John's 2020 Vision Fund.

**Saturday 25 March**

**COWES, St Mary's Church (10am-2pm):** *Spring fair.* In the parish room.  
**GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin, Rowner Lane (12noon):** *Lent lunch.* In aid of children in Romania.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (2pm-4pm):** *Messy Cathedral.* Art and craft, a short act of worship and tea for families.  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (6pm):** *Choral Evensong for the Annunciation.* Service to celebrate the moment Mary responded to the message from the Archangel Gabriel.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Farlington (7.30pm):** *Concert by Portsmouth Baroque Choir.* Include Haydn's *Seven Last Words of our Saviour on the Cross* and Hummel's *Mass in B flat* with organ and string quartet.

**Sunday 26 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Landport (9.30am); St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (9.30am); and St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (10am):** *Mothering Sunday services.* Chance to give thanks for those who look after and care for us. Includes distribution of flowers.  
**VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am):** *Special sung Eucharist for Mothering Sunday.*

**Monday 27 March -**

**Saturday 1 April**  
**BOTLEY, All Saints Church (9am-5pm):** *Easter art extravaganza.* See page 5 for details. Contact: the Rev Amy Webb ([rev.amywebb@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rev.amywebb@yahoo.co.uk)).

**Monday 27 March**

**NEWPORT, St John's Church (8pm):** *Concert by Cowes Concert Band.* In aid of 2020 Vision to rebuild community facilities. Details: [joandmartind@gmail.com](mailto:joandmartind@gmail.com).

**Wednesday 29 March**

**VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am):** *Said Holy Communion; (6.45pm):* *BCP Evening Prayer.*  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon):** *Mass and charity lunch.* Proceeds to the Bishop's Lent Appeal.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm):** *Lent workshop.* Sharon Court helps us to reflect on Lent using natural materials. Part of the cathedral's All Things Bright and

Beautiful theme for 2017.

**Friday 31 March**

**GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin, Rowner Lane (7pm):** *Stations of the Cross.*

**Saturday 1 April**

**SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm):** *Quiet day.* Led by the Rev Dawn Banting. Cost: £6. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks and tea provided. Please let the Sisters know if you wish to attend on 023-9283 3498 or [ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk](mailto:ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk).  
**GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin, Rowner Lane (12noon):** *Lent lunch.* In aid of children in Romania.  
**ALTON, Alton Abbey, Beech, Alton (2pm):** *Easter concert: At the Foot of the Cross.* With a capella group Vox Lucis. Early music and readings for Lent, including Tallis, Byrd, Victoria, Palestrina, Lotti and others. Tickets: £7.50 on friends@altonabbey@gmail.com or 01428-712938.  
**WICKHAM, St Nicholas Church (7.30pm):** *Spring concert by the Botley Choral Society.* Includes Vivaldi's *Magnificat* and *Beatus Vir in C*, and Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*. Tickets: £12/£10, available on 01489-782445 or via [www.botleychoral.co.uk](http://www.botleychoral.co.uk).

**Sunday 2 April**

**VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am):** *Solemn sung mass for Passion Sunday.*  
**BOTLEY, All Saints Church (7.30pm):** *Spring concert by the Botley Choral Society.* See April 1 for details.

**Monday 3 April**

**SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (1.30pm-4.30pm):** *Quiet afternoon.* Led by Sister Pat Murphy RSCJ. Cost: £3. Please let the Sisters know if you wish to attend on 023-9283 3498 or [ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk](mailto:ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk).

**Wednesday 5 April**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm):** *Lent Lecture with Professor Dave Goulson.* Dave is a biologist, conservationist and professor from the University of Sussex. He specialises in the ecology and conservation of bumble bees. Part of the cathedral's All Things Bright and Beautiful theme for 2017. Free admission.

**Thursday 6 April**

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

**Saturday 8 April**

**PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church (7.30pm):** *Concert by the Renaissance Choir.* A programme of music by Mozart, Bach, Palestrina, Lassus and Byrd. Tickets: £12/£10/£2, available on 023-9247 5259 or via [www.renaissancechoir.org.uk](http://www.renaissancechoir.org.uk)

● *Would you like your events for April listed here? Send them to Neil Pugmire on [neil.pugmire@portsmouth.anglican.org](mailto:neil.pugmire@portsmouth.anglican.org) or at Diocesan offices, First Floor, Peninsular House, Wharf Road, Portsmouth, PO1 2HB by March 6.*

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**ROME AND ASSISI:** Canon John Draper, rector of Rowner, will be leading an eight-day conducted visit to Rome and Assisi in 2018, using guest house accommodation and a flight from Gatwick Airport. It will include an overnight visit to Assisi. The dates are June 11-18, and the total cost is £975, with a single room supplement. Details from him at Rowner Rectory, 174 Rowner Lane, Gosport, PO13 9SU or 023-9258 1834 or [rownerrector@btinternet.com](mailto:rownerrector@btinternet.com).