

Sunday 1 October

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Sung Eucharist for the Feast of St Francis.* With the blessing of animals.
WARSASH, St Mary's Church (10am): *Harvest Festival.*
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): *Eucharist; (6pm): Evensong.*
CROOKHORN, Church of the Good Shepherd (6.30pm): *Portsmouth New Wine Network celebration.*

Tuesday 3 October

RYDE, All Saints Church (7pm): *Archdeaconry consultation meeting.* Clergy and PCC officers hear about our diocese's plans for the future.

Wednesday 4 October

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (12noon): *Mass and charity lunch; (7pm): Archdeaconry consultation meeting.* Clergy and PCC officers hear about our diocese's plans for the future.

Thursday 5 October

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm): *An evening with Alan Titchmarsh.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (7.30pm): *Royal Marine School of Music concert.*

Friday 6 October

PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (7.30pm): *St Faith's patronal mass.* Preacher: the Rev Jenny Wiltshire. Followed by refreshments.

Friday 6 October -

Saturday 7 October
SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church, Kent Road (Friday: 7pm-9.30pm or Saturday: 9.30am-2pm): *Discipleship in the Workplace.* With Charles Hippsley and David Lawrence from the London Contemporary Institute of Christianity. Part of the follow-up to last year's Leading Your Church Into Growth conference. See page 2 for details.

Saturday 7 October

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (10.30am): *Coffee morning.*
HAYLING ISLAND, St Peter's Church (7.30pm-10pm): *Organ recital.* With Peter Gould, retired Master of Music at Derby Cathedral. Tickets: £10.

Sunday 8 October

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (8am): *Eucharist; (10.30am): Royal Marines Band Memorial Service; (6pm): Eucharist.*

Monday 9 October

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (12.30pm): *Modern Slavery in the Shipping Industry.* Training day, organised with the Clewer Initiative, looking at labour abuse and exploitation in the shipping industry. Details: www.portsmouth.anglican.org/modernslavery
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (5pm): *Choir open evening for young people.* Come and find out what it is like to be in the choir at St Mary's and meet other young choristers.

Monday 9 October -

Wednesday 11 October
LIPHOOK, The Old Thorns Hotel (Monday: 11am - Wednesday: 4.30pm): *Leading Your Church Into Growth conference.* See page 2 for details.

Wednesday 11 October

BOTLEY, All Saints Church (12.30pm): *Lunchtime organ recital.* With Elizabeth Le Grove. Free of charge, retiring

Tribute act will support church appeal fund

A PORTSMOUTH church will host a gig by a tribute band to support its appeal to become more accessible.

The band, 'Wish We Were Pink Floyd', will be playing at St Mark's Church in North End from 7pm on October 14.

The group has earned a reputation for playing passionate covers of Pink Floyd, and for a state-of-the-art lighting show.

They'll be playing in support of the Every Square Inch vision for St Mark's Church.

Ever since the church was built in 1970, the ramps leading

up to the church have caused problems for those entering. The plan is to replace them with a street entrance and lift.

It's part of the £330,000 project which has already seen the committee room, parish office and choir vestry refurbished, and the former scout hut turned into a children's activity centre run by Teeny Town.

Tickets for the gig are £6 or £8, available on 023-9267 8538. The ticket price includes refreshments, but no alcoholic drinks are allowed. This show features lasers, flashing lights and smoke haze.



Wish We Were Pink Floyd in concert

REFORMATION MONTH

A series of events to mark 500 years since the Protestant Reformation. More details on page 4, on www.stmary-portchester.org.uk or 023-9232 1380.

Thursday 5 October

PORTCHESTER, Parish hall, Assheton Court (10.30am): *This is My Body.* Second in a monthly series exploring the Eucharist. Guest speaker: Tapani Simojoki, pastor of Fareham Lutheran Church.

PORTCHESTER, Methodist Church Castle Street (7.30pm): *First of a series of talks about the English Reformation.* With the Rev Ian Meredith, vicar of St Mary's Church. Continues each Thursday until November 16.

Sunday 8 October

PORTCHESTER, St Mary's Church (6pm): *Worship inspired by the*

Reformed tradition. Continues each Sunday until November 12.

Sunday 29 October

PORTCHESTER, St Mary's Church (6pm): *JS Bach's Cantata.* Composed to celebrate the Reformation. Performed by the choir of St Mary's and friends. With a talk by Tapani Simojoki, pastor of Fareham Lutheran Church.

Tuesday 31 October

PORTCHESTER, St Mary's Church (7.30pm): *Annual mass of the Guild of Servers of Portsmouth diocese.* Preacher: the Rev Ian Meredith on 'The Catholic Luther after the Reformation.'

collection.

PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection hall, Brecon Avenue (2pm-4pm): *Care and fellowship group.* With talk by Andrew Negus. Admission: £1.

Thursday 12 October

WICKHAM, Park Place (7pm): *Jazz hymns and spirituals.* Singalong with professional jazz group. Tickets: £10, in aid of Marian School, Tanzania, available from Park Place or 023-9229 4533.

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (7.30pm): *Patronal Festival mass.* Celebration of the life of St Wilfrid's. Preacher: the Rev Elizabeth Groves, diocesan president of the Mothers' Union. Followed by refreshments.

Friday 13 October

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (afternoon/early evening): *The sixth and final Fatima apparition celebration.* Details and precise timings: Alan Philpott (01983-852555).

Saturday 14 October

COWPLAIN, St Wilfrid's Church, Padnell Road (9am-3pm): *Esther Ministry Day.* A day for women, entitled 'Equipped, empowered and released into your calling'. Details: 07854 903320 or charleywilliams15@gmail.com

PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Avenue (2pm-4pm): *Build@Church.* Fun, free activity for families, involving responding to Bible stories using Lego and Duplo, prayer and refreshments. Details: www.farlingtonparish.co.uk/buildatchurch.

IDSWORTH, St Hubert's Church (7pm): *Autumn concert.* 'An evening of virtuoso classics' performed by Mark Jennings on classical guitar. Tickets: £10, available on 023-9241 3410.

PORTSMOUTH, St Mark's Church, Derby Road, North End (7pm): *Wish We Were Pink Floyd concert.* In aid of the Every Square Inch appeal. See panel above for details.

HAYLING ISLAND, St Mary's Church, Church Road (7.30pm): *Concert by Solent Male Voice Choir.* Includes guest appearance by The Nightingales, a classy eight-member vocal group from Emsworth, led by Sue Ingram. Refreshments. Tickets on the door.

Sunday 15 October

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (8am): *Eucharist; (10.30am): Seafarers' Service followed by reception; (6pm): Eucharist.*
PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Avenue, Drayton (2pm-4pm): *Cr8tive Prayer.* Explore different ways of praying. See page 5 for details.

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (4.30pm): *Concert by the St Mary's Music Foundation.* Join the church choir for a cream tea and a chance to rehearse, followed by (6.30pm): *Come and Sing Evensong.* Proceeds to the foundation, which supports young people in developing their musical skills.

Wednesday 18 October

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Said Holy Communion on the Feast Day of St Luke.* Book of Common Prayer service.

Thursday 19 October

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

Friday 20 October

ALTON, Alton Abbey Church, GU34 4AP (7pm): *Annual Abbey Lecture.* Dr Nicholas Fennell, visiting research fellow, University of Winchester, speaks on 'An Englishman in the Eastern Orthodox Melting Pot'. Tickets: £25, including supper and wine, available via friends@altonabbey.co.uk or 01420-562126.

RYDE, All Saints Church, Queens Road (7.30pm): *Opening concert of Harp of Wight Festival.* An evening exploring the diversity of the classical harp repertoire

with Anne Denholm, official harpist to HRH the Prince of Wales and patron of Harp on Wight. Tickets: £10/£5.

Friday 20 October -

Saturday 21 October
SHANKLIN, St Saviour-on-the-Cliff (10am-4pm): *Jigsaw puzzle display and sale.* Refreshments available. Admission: £1 (children: free).

Saturday 21 October

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton (10am): *St Mary's autumn fair.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Philip's church hall, Hawthorn Crescent, Cosham (11am-2pm): *Table-top sale.* Tables to hire for £5, book in advance. Bacon rolls and homemade soup and cakes. Entrance: 50p. Contact: 023-9237 9278 for details or to book a table.

PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Avenue (2pm-4pm): *Messy Church.* Craft activities, a short celebration and a simple meal, for families with young children.
RYDE, All Saints Church, Queens Road (7.30pm): *Performance platform for Harp of Wight Festival.* Featuring the winners of the North London Festival Camac Harp Competition, and announcement of the winners of Harp on Wight 2017 composition competition. Music performed by Fran Barsby. Tickets: £7/£3.50.
PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church (7.30pm): *Concert by the Renaissance Choir.* Movements from Beethoven's *Mass in C*, MacMillan's *Miserere*, and music by Fauré, Guerrero, Victoria, Lassus, Palestrina, Kodaly, Rheinberger and Whitacre. With Karen Kingsley (piano). Admission: £12/£10/£2 from 023 9247 5259 or via www.renaissancechoir.org.uk/rc_concerts/agnus-dei

Sunday 22 October

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (8am): *Eucharist.* No 10.30am Eucharist because of Great South Run; (6pm): *Eucharist.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Andrew's Church, Farlington (2pm): *Battle of Trafalgar service of commemoration.* Includes visit to the grave of the Master of HMS Victory, who is buried in the churchyard

Wednesday 25 October

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Said Holy Communion on the Feast Day of St Crispin the Martyr.* Book of Common Prayer service.

Friday 27 October

TITCHFIELD, St Peter's Church (7.30pm): *Warsash Choral Society concert.* A performance of Haydn's *Creation.* Admission free, retiring collection in aid of St Peter's Church and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.
PORTCHESTER, St Mary's Church (7.30pm): *Concert by Solent Fellowship Band in aid of the Friends of St Mary's.* Tickets: £8/£5, available on 023-92325691 or 023-9238 7869.

Friday 27 October -

Saturday 28 October
PETERSFIELD, Churchers' College (10am-4pm): *Save the Children gift fair.* Selection of stalls offering items including jewellery, homeware and decorative items, luxury fashion goods, gifts, toys and art-ware. Entrance: £4, including hessian bag and refreshments.

Saturday 28 October

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (2pm): *Messy Cathedral; (6pm): Evensong.*
COWES, St Mary's Church (7pm): *Halloween dinner.*

Sunday 29 October

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (8am): *Eucharist; (10.30am): Eucharist; (6pm): Evensong; (8pm): Taizé-style night prayer.*

Tuesday 31 October

FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West Street (12.30pm-1.15pm): *Violin concert by Fumi Otsuki.* Admission free, retiring collection for church refurbishment fund.

● *Would you like your events for November 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 October 9.*

announcements

Appointments:

The Rev Mike Duff, vicar, St Jude's Church, Southsea, also to be an Honorary Canon of Portsmouth Cathedral. He will be installed at 6pm on November 19.

The Rev Hugh Wright, vicar, St Catherine's and Holy Trinity, Ventnor, and Bonchurch, also to be an Honorary Canon of Portsmouth Cathedral. He will be installed at 6pm on November 19.

The Rt Rev Tim Thornton, Bishop of Lambeth, also to be Honorary Assistant Bishop of Portsmouth diocese.

The Revs David and Vickie Morgan are now assistant curates, St Faith's Church, Havant. They were ordained by the bishop on September 16.

Departures:

The Rev Andy Marshall, chaplain to the University of Portsmouth and diocesan interfaith adviser, to resign with effect from October 30.

The Rev Wendy Kennedy, Diocesan Secretary, to retire with effect from January 9, 2018. See page 3 for details.