

Friday 1 December

COWES, St Mary's Church (7pm): *Concert by the Chamber Choir from Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys*. Free entry, retiring collection.

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Sunday 3 December**

PORTSMOUTH, St Cuthbert's Church, PO2 6DE (Friday: 1pm-5pm; Saturday: 11am-5.30pm; Sunday: 1pm-5pm): *Christmas Tree Festival*. More than 22 decorated trees. Includes concert at 7.30pm on **December 1** by the Madding Crowd, live music, refreshments and children's craft table. Admission: £2.

Saturday 2 December

GOSPORT, Christ Church, Stoke Road (10.30am-2pm): *Christmas Fair*. PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11am-2pm): *Christmas fair*. Christmas gifts, decorations, cakes, preserves, jewellery, books and face-painting. Admission: 50p, accompanied children: free. Santa's grotto: £1.

LEE-ON-SOLENT, St Faith's Church, Victoria Square (10am-2pm): *Christmas fayre*. Children's grotto with Santa Claus, crafts, Christmas gifts, decorations, cards, cakes and books. Admission free.

WARREN PARK, St Clare's Church (2.30pm and 6pm): *Cinderella*. See page 5 for details.

RYDE, All Saints Church (6.30pm): *Advent carol service*.

PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Drayton (7.30pm): *Folks in Harmony*. Christmas songs and carols by this a capella choir. Details: www.folksinharmony.co.uk.

Sunday 3 December

VENTNOR, St Alban's (9.30am): *Solemn Sung Mass for Advent Sunday*. PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): *Eucharist*; (6pm): *Advent carols*. WARREN PARK, St Clare's Church (2.30pm): *Cinderella*. See page 5 for details. SOUTHSEA, St Luke's Church, Greatham Street (3.15pm): *Messy Church at Christmas*.

Monday 5 December

PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Drayton (2pm): *Drayton Film Club*. Free screening of a seasonal classic. Details: 023-9242 1849.

Wednesday 6 December

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (3pm): *Dementia-friendly carol service*. Followed by tea and cake. HAYLING ISLAND, St Peter's Church (6.30pm): *Tree of Light*. Dedicate a bulb on the Christmas tree to someone special. SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany (7.30pm): *Advent carol service*. Speaker: Michael Woolley from Friends Without Borders. Tickets: £3, available on 023-9283 3498 or ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk

Friday 8 December

PURBROOK, St John's Church (7pm): *Grand concert*. With St John's Ukulele Band and Singing for Fun. Tickets: £3.50, available on 023-9279 8215. HAYLING ISLAND, St Mary's Church (7.30pm): *Christmas music with the Renaissance Choir*. Motets by Guerrero and Lassus. Admission: £8/£1 via 023-9247 5259. Repeated on **December 9** at St John's, Southbourne.

Saturday 9 December

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany (10am-4pm): *Quiet day*. Conducted by the Rev Paul Armstead. Cost: £6. Please bring a packed lunch. Please let the Sisters know if you want to attend on 023-9283 3498 or ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk WARSASH, St Mary's Church (11am-4pm): *Bethlehem Christmas Market*.

BRIGHSTONE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: December 7-10

BRIGHSTONE, St Mary's Church, Methodist Church, Isle of Wight Pearl, Wilberforce Hall, Three Bishops pub and Reading Rooms; MOTTISTONE, St Peter and St Paul Church (open daily: 10am-5pm): *Christmas Tree Festival*. More than 200 Christmas trees decorated by community groups. Trees displayed in St Mary's Church and the Isle of Wight Pearl only from December 11-31. Special events listed below. See page 5 or www.bxtf.org for full details.

Wednesday 6 December

BRIGHSTONE, St Mary's Church (7pm): *Hospice 'lights of love' carol service with a capella choir*.

Thursday 7 December

BRIGHSTONE, St Mary's Church (2.30pm): *The Chillerton Players Clarinet Group*. BRIGHSTONE, Methodist Church (3.30pm): *Carols with Brighstone pupils, plus the lighting of the tree*.

Friday 8 December

BRIGHSTONE, Scout Centre (10am-4pm): *Christmas gift and craft fair*. BRIGHSTONE, Wilberforce Hall (4pm): *Carols with The Village Society*.

BRIGHSTONE, St Mary's Church (7.30pm): *The Christmas Choir Carol Concert*.

Saturday 9 December

BRIGHSTONE, Brighstone Primary School (1pm-4pm): *Christmas fair*. BRIGHSTONE, Isle of Wight Pearl (11am-12noon): *The Credorer Ensemble. Seasonal instrumental music*. MOTTISTONE, St Peter and St Paul's Church (4.30pm): *Carols, crib blessing and handbell ringing*.

Sunday 10 December

BRIGHSTONE, St Mary's (2pm-3pm): *Rhymes and Chimes of Christmas*. BRIGHSTONE, Upper Lane/

Woodside Drive (3.45pm): *Nativity Pageant starts*. See the Christmas story enacted by local residents. BRIGHSTONE, St Mary's (7pm): *Stars of Wonder concert*. Musical extravaganza in aid of South Wight Area Youth.

Thursday 14 December

BRIGHSTONE, St Mary's Church (7.30pm): *Slipshod Singers/Brighstone Barnacles in concert*.

Saturday 16 December

BRIGHSTONE, St Mary's Church (7.30pm): *Concert with the Sandown and Shanklin Military Band. Proceeds in aid of ABF - The Soldiers Charity*.

Crasswell Street (4pm): *Nativity service*. PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (7pm): *Carol Service III*

Christmas Eve

LOCKS HEATH, St John's Church (9.15am): *Holy Communion*; (3pm and 4.30pm): *Christingle services*; (7pm): *Informal carols by candlelight*; (11pm): *Midnight Communion*. VENTNOR, St Alban's (9.30am): *Solemn Sung Vigil Mass*; (6.30pm): *Lessons and carols around the crib*. PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (10.30am): *Eucharist*; (2.30pm and 4pm): *Crib Services*; (6.30pm): *Carols with blessing of crib*; (11.30pm): *Midnight Eucharist*. RYDE, All Saints Church (10am): *Sung Eucharist*; (4pm): *Candlelit pilgrimage to the crib*; (11.30pm): *Midnight Choral Communion*.

PORTSMOUTH, St Andrew's Church (2pm): *Crib service*. Family service depicting Nativity of Jesus. PORTSMOUTH, St Francis Church, Northern Parade, Hilsea (3pm): *Christingle service*. SOUTHSEA, St Luke's Church, Greatham Street (4pm): *Let It Snow!* Carols around the tree; (11pm): *Midnight Communion service*.

PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Drayton (4pm): *Crib service*. Family service depicting Nativity of Jesus; (11.15pm): *Midnight Mass*. PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (5pm): *Nativity service*; (11.30pm): *Midnight Mass*. PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (6pm): *Nativity service and Christingle*; (11.30pm): *Midnight Mass*. PORTSMOUTH, St George's Church, Portsea (10pm): *Christmas Eve Mass*. COWES, St Mary's Church (11.30pm): *Midnight Communion*. PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Landport (11.30pm): *Midnight Mass*.

Christmas Day

LOCKS HEATH, St John's Church (9am): *Communion*; (10am): *All-age worship*. PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church,

ST JOHN'S ANGEL FESTIVAL: December 1-9

A series of events organised by St John's, Newport, to launch the Christmas season.

Friday 1 December

NEWPORT, St John's Church (6.30pm): *Film - It's a Wonderful Life*.

Saturday 2 December

NEWPORT, Newport Minster (11am-4pm): *Bookfolding stall at the Newport Festival of Christmas*. NEWPORT, Sts Thomas Square (4.45pm-5.15pm): *Carol-singing*.

Cakes, crafts, decorations, cafe, children's activities, raffle, music and carols. Children can dress as Nativity characters. PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Drayton (2pm-4pm): *Build@Church*. Families hear Bible stories and respond with Lego and Duplo. Prayer and refreshments. Details: www.farlingtonparish.co.uk/buildchurch ALTON, Abbey Church, Alton Abbey (2pm): *Concert by Vox Lucis*. Tickets: £7.50 on friendsaltonabbey@gmail.com.

Sunday 10 December

SOUTHSEA, St Luke's Church (10am): *Christingle and music from the Cottage Grove School Choir*; (3pm): *The Big Christmas Sing*. PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (10.30am): *Eucharist*; (6pm): *Evensong*; (7pm): *St Mark's Gospel*. One-man show presented by Stefan Smart. PORTSMOUTH, St Francis Church, Hilsea (3pm): *Carol service*. LOCKS HEATH, St John's Church (4.30pm): *Family carols with orchestra and Notelets junior choir*.

Monday 11 December

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany (1.30pm-4.30pm): *Quiet afternoon*. Conducted by novice oblate Lynne Cooper. Cost: £3. Please let the Sisters know if you want to attend on 023-9283 3498 or ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk.

Tuesday 12 December

COWES, St Mary's (10am-12noon): *Coffee and mulled wine morning*. £3 per person, including seasonal refreshments, raffle and Christmas items on sale.

Wednesday 13 December

VENTNOR, St Alban's (9.30am): *Holy Communion for the Feast of St Lucy*. SOUTHSEA, St Luke's Church (10am): *Tots in Tow Stay and Play Nativity*.

Friday 15 December -

Sunday 17 December RYDE, All Saints Church (daily: 9am-5pm): *Nativity Crib Festival*.

Saturday 16 December

PORTSMOUTH, Church of the

Resurrection, Drayton (2pm-4pm): *Messy Church*. Families enjoy puzzles, art and craft, storytelling, simple prayers and refreshments together.

LEE-ON-SOLENT, St Faith's Church, Victoria Square (7pm): *Journey of the Magi*. See page 4 for details.

BOTLEY, All Saints Church (7.30pm): *Botley Choral Society Christmas concert*. Carmina Burana and selection of carols. Tickets: £12/£10, available on 01489-782445 or www.botleychoral.co.uk

Sunday 17 December

SOUTHSEA, St Luke's Church (10am): *'From Scratch' Nativity*. LOCKS HEATH, St John's Church (10am): *Nativity service*. Adults and children dress up as Nativity characters; (7pm): *Candlelit carols*. PORTSMOUTH, St George's Church, Portsea (3pm): *All-age Nativity from scratch*. Includes carols and refreshments. PORTSMOUTH, St Andrew's Church, Farlington (4pm): *Carol service*. COWES, St Mary's Church (4.30pm): *Carol service*. PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection (6pm): *Carol service*.

Wednesday 20 December

LOCKS HEATH, St John's Church (3.30pm-5.30pm): *Messy Church Christmas*. Crafts, stories and songs, ending with a meal together. COWES, St Mary's Church (7.30pm): *Concert by St Mary's Singers*. Free entry, retiring collection for the Foodbank.

Thursday 21 December

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (7pm): *Carol Service I*

Friday 22 December

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (7pm): *Carol Service II* PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Guildhall (7.30pm): *Last Night of the Christmas Proms*. With the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: £32/£27/£22/£17. PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (6.30pm): *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*.

Saturday 23 December

PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church,

Fratton Road (9am): *BCP Communion*; (10am): *Christmas morning mass and carols*.

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Solemn Sung Mass for Christmas*.

PORTSMOUTH, St George's Church, Portsea (10am): *Family Eucharist*. SOUTHSEA, St Luke's Church (10am): *Christmas Day Family Communion*. PORTSMOUTH, St Andrew's Church (10am): *Christmas morning service*. COWES, St Mary's Church (11am): *Holy Communion*.

Wednesday 27 December

BOTLEY, All Saints Church (6.30pm): *Service of carols and lessons*.

Sunday 31 December

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Solemn Sung Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family*. PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (10.30am): *Eucharist*; (6pm): *Evensong*.

New Years Day

RYDE, All Saints Church (3pm-4.30pm): *Concert with the Island Concert Band*. Tea, cakes and raffle. £5.

Sunday 7 January

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Solemn Sung Mass for the Feast of Epiphany*.

Saturday 13 January

BOTLEY, Botley Market Hall (7.30pm): *Call My Bluff/Would I Lie To You?* Includes fish and chip supper. Tickets: £14/£12, available on 01489-782445.

Sunday 14 January

VENTNOR, St Alban's (9.30am): *Solemn Sung Mass for Plough Sunday*. PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (6pm): *Epiphany carols*.

Saturday 20 January

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany (10am-4pm): *Quiet day*. Conducted by the Rev Derek Reeve. Cost: £6. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks and tea provided. Please let the Sisters know if you want to attend on 023-9283 3498 or ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk

Wednesday 24 January

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany (2.30pm): *Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. Speaker: the Rev Connie Sherman, Porvoo link officer. Please let the Sisters know if you want to attend on 023-9283 3498 or ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk

Sunday 28 January

SOUTHSEA, Church of the Holy Spirit (10am): *Mass to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the rededication of the building*. See page 4 for details.

● Events are now listed primarily on the diocesan website calendar. Each event can be featured on a separate page with a photo. See www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news-and-events for details of how to submit your parish's events.

situation vacant

SOUTHSEA: St Jude's Church, Southsea, is looking to find a passionate and enthusiastic Children, Youth and Families Minister to lead, develop and release to a wider team, the ministry of St Jude's Church to its children and youth and associated families.

St Jude's is a larger evangelical church in Southsea, the beautiful beachside area of the historical waterfront city of Portsmouth.

The successful candidate will have

a deep passion for Christ as well as for serving those in their formative years, with a commitment to equipping the whole church in ministry to them.

This is a full-time post with a competitive salary. For more information and an application pack, please contact office@stjudes-southsea.org.uk. Closing date for applications: 12noon, Friday 8th December. Interview date: Sunday 14th January.