

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.
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 friendsof.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.

Sunday 2 April

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Solemn sung mass for Passion Sunday.* Choral music includes Mozart's *Ave Verum*.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): *Eucharist attended by HMS Indefatigable Association; (7.30pm): St Matthew's Passion.*
PURBROOK, St John's church hall (12noon): *Lent lunch.* Also on April 9.
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (4pm): *Musical reflections for Passiontide.*
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.
Tuesday 4 April
HAVANT, Havant URC Meeting Place, Elm Lane/North Street (2.30pm-4.30pm): *Talk on Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories.* With William Bell, Christian Aid advocacy officer for the Middle East, ecumenical accompanier Rachel Nassif, and an exhibition of drawings by Palestinian teenagers. Details: Angus Geddes (023-9248 6064 or angus@geddes59.freeserve.co.uk)

Wednesday 5 April

VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Holy Communion with Stations of the Cross.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (12noon): *Mass and charity lunch.*
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

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (12noon): *Charity lunch.* Proceeds to the Bishop's Lent Appeal.
GURNARD, All Saints Church (6.30pm-7.30pm): *The Well service.* Informal service with music and prayers.

Thursday 6 April -

Saturday 8 April
PETERSFIELD, Festival Hall (Thursday: 10am-9pm; Friday: 10am-5pm; Saturday: 10am-1pm): *Save the Children's Big Sale.* New and good-as-new clothing and shoes, homeware,

designer room and cafe. Proceeds help disadvantaged children in the UK. Details: www.petersfield-savethechildren.co.uk.

Saturday 8 April

NEWPORT, St John's hall (10am-2pm): *Easter fayre.* Sales of books, cakes, bric a brac, Easter bonnet competition, light lunches and refreshments. In aid of St John's 2020 Vision fund.
ALTON, Alton Abbey, Beech (10.15am-4pm): *Quiet day before Holy Week.* Includes talks by members of the abbey's Benedictine community. Soup and hot drinks provided. Cost: £10. Details: 01420-562145 or guesthouse@altonabbey.com
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. Entrance: 40p. Details: 023-9237 9278.
PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Drayton (6pm): *Build@Church.* Free, fun activity for families to hear Bible stories and respond creatively with Lego and Duplo, plus prayer and refreshments. Details: www.farlingtonparish.co.uk/BuildatChurch.
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

Palm Sunday

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (9.30am): *Palm procession to St Mary's Church.* Walking through the streets with music and singing to remember the journey Jesus made into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.
VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Solemn sung mass for Palm Sunday.*
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (10.30am): *Eucharist.* With the Cathedral Choir; (6pm): *Evensong.* With the Cathedral Choir.
PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Drayton (10am): *Cafe Church.* Informal service recalling the events of Palm Sunday; (6pm): *Music for the sesason.* The Milton Glee Club Choir sing Fauré's *Requiem*, plus music by Vivaldi, Elgar and Lloyd Webber. Entry free, retiring collection.
BOTLEY, All Saints Church (6.30pm): *Taizé service.*

Monday 10 April

PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Drayton (7pm): *Stations of the Cross.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (7.30pm): *Mass and reflection for Holy Week.* With the Rev Sarah Archer, bishop's chaplain.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (8pm): *Compline.* With short address by Bishop Michael Turnbull.

Tuesday 11 April

PORTSMOUTH, St Andrew's Church, Farlington (7pm): *Service of reflection.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (7.30pm): *Mass and reflection for Holy Week.* With the Rev Sarah Archer, bishop's chaplain.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (8pm): *Compline.* With short address by Bishop Michael Turnbull.

Wednesday 12 April

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (12noon): *Mass and charity lunch.* Proceeds will go to the Bishop's Lent Appeal.
PORTSMOUTH, St Faiths' Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (7.30pm): *Mass and reflection for Holy Week.* With the Rev Sarah Archer, bishop's chaplain.
CURDRIDGE, St Peter's Church (7.30pm): *Stations of the Cross.*
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (8pm): *Compline.* With short address by Bishop Michael Turnbull.



The Rev Sarah Archer (St Mary's parish, April 10-12)

Maundy Thursday

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (11am): *Chrysm mass; (7.30pm):* *Eucharist for the Last Supper.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Andrew's Church, Farlington (7pm): *Holy Communion and meal.* Recalling the Last Supper. Followed by vigil.
VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (6pm): *Holy Eucharist with Ceremonies.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton; St Wilfrid's Church, George Street; and St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street (7.30pm): *Eucharist of the Last Supper and Vigil of Prayer.* Remember Jesus's final meal with his disciples and how he led them to Gethsemane to 'watch and pray' with him. Watch and pray here from 9pm until midnight.
BOTLEY, All Saints Church (7.30pm): *Commemoration of the Last Supper.*

Good Friday

PORTSMOUTH, St Andrew's Church, Farlington (9am) and Church of the Resurrection, Drayton (9.30am): *Services of devotion.*
VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Stations of the Cross.*
BOTLEY, All Saints Church (10am): *Parish walk around Botley, Curdridge and Durlay.*
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10am): *Children's service: (12noon):* *Good Friday service.* Readings, prayers, music and reflections led by Bishop Michael Turnbull; (2pm): *Liturgy of Good Friday; (rehearsals: 5pm; service: 7pm):* *Come and Sing Stainer's Crucifixion.* Organised by the Royal School of Church Music Portsmouth. Soloists Adrian Green and Samuel Hancock. Refreshments provided,

please bring your own scores. Cost: £5.
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (12noon): *Service for Good Friday led by young people; (1pm):* *Reflections on the Cross; (2pm):* *The Liturgy of the Cross.*
GODSHILL, All Saints Church (12noon): *Good Friday Liturgy.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, Fratton and St Faith's Church, Landport (2pm): *The Liturgy of the Cross.*

Saturday 15 April

PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Drayton (2pm-4pm): *Messy Church.* Families welcome for craft activities around a Bible theme, a short celebration and a simple tea.
VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (6pm): *Easter Vigil.*
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral (8pm): *Easter Eve service with baptism and confirmation.* The service starts in darkness but ends in glorious light as we celebrate the risen Christ. Preacher: Bishop Christopher.
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton; St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, and St Faith's, Crasswell Street (8.30pm): *Vigil and First Mass of Easter.*

Easter Sunday

PORTSMOUTH, St Andrew's Church, Farlington (5am): *Dawn service to greet the risen Christ, followed by breakfast; (11.15am):* *Easter family service.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton (8am): *Communion; (10am):* *Special service for Easter Sunday; (4pm):* *Choral Evensong and Benediction.*
PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Drayton (9.30am): *Easter family service.*
VENTNOR, St Alban's Church (9.30am): *Solemn sung mass with procession and Regina Coeli.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street and St Faith's Church, Landport (9.30am): *Special services for Easter Sunday.*
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): *Eucharist for Easter Day.* With the Cathedral Choir. Preacher: Bishop Christopher. Followed by Easter egg hunt; (6pm): *Evensong.* With the Cathedral Choir. Preacher: Bishop Michael Turnbull.

Monday 17 April

SHANKLIN, Parish room, St Blasius Church (10.30am-2.30pm): *Hot cross buns and fun.* Easter egg hunt, church trail, buns, drinks jigsaws, puzzles, art and craft. Free admission.

Thursday 20 April

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

Saturday 22 April

DENMEAD, All Saints' church hall (10am-11.30am): *Denmead Church Flower Club's annual plant sale.* Quality plants at bargain prices. Proceeds in aid of flower club charities.

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (10.30am): *Coffee morning.*
SHEDFIELD, St John the Baptist Church (6pm): *An illustrated history of Jewish Choral Music.* With the Althly Chmaber Choir. Tickets: £10, on 01329-832162, includes interval wine and refreshments.
PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Drayton (7.30pm): *Solent City Chorus and Lowry Girls in concert.* Fundraiser for the charity LEPRO, which works to beat leprosy. Tickets: £5, from jaxm1948@gmail.com.
NEWPORT, St John's Church (7.30pm): *Concert by Tritone.* Admission: £8. Proceeds split between Tritone and the church.

Tuesday 25 April

FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church (12.30pm-1.15pm): *Lunchtime concert.* Music for solo piano with Andrew McVittie. Tea, coffee and squash provided. Bring your own lunch. Admission free, retiring collection..

Saturday 29 April

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (2pm): *Messy Cathedral.*
PORTSMOUTH, St Andrew's church hall, Farlington (2.30pm): *Afternoon teas.* Fundraising event for the Diocese of Ho in Ghana, with a 1960s theme. Free admission, period dress optional.
WARSASH, St Mary's Church (7.30pm): *Mozart's Coronation Mass and the Sparrow Mass.* Performance by Warsash Choral Society. Admission free, retiring collection.
HAYLING ISLAND, St Peter's Church, Northney (7.30pm): *Organ recital.* Guest recitalist Michael Slaney MBE, assistant organist emeritus, St David's Cathedral. Tickets: £10. Refreshments.

Sunday 30 April

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): *Eucharist; (12noon):* *Annual Parochial Church Meeting; (6pm):* *Evensong; (8pm):* *Taizé-style night prayer.*

Monday 1 May

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road (10am-4pm): *May Fayre.* Celebration of Fratton life, with real ale tent, arena displays and more than 100 stalls. Book a space on 023-9281 4444.

Saturday 6 May

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9.30am-3.30pm): *Spirituality Day.* 'Learning to Lament'. Led by the Rev Amanda Bloor. Details: www.portsmouth.anglican.org/spirituality.

● *Would you like your events for May 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 April 10.*

announcements

Appointments:

The Rev Alison Kerr, priest-in-charge, East Cowes with Whippingham, to be priest-in-charge St John, Newport and mission development officer for the Isle of Wight from May 7.
Canon Bob White, vicar, St Mary, Portsea, has been reappointed as area dean of Portsmouth.

Resignations:

The Revd Kevin Arkell, will resign

as vicar, St John, Newport, with effect from April 2, but is remaining as vicar, Minster Church of Sts Thomas, Newport.
The Rev Steve Marsh, has resigned as curate, Crofton Parish, to be pioneer team vicar, Leighton Buzzard, with effect from April 30.
Canon Simon Sayers, vicar, Warblington-with-Emsworth, resigned with effect from November 7, 2016.

situation vacant

HAYLING ISLAND: The three Anglican parishes seek an administrator. This is an exciting new role, created because the parishes recently came together under one vicar and associate priest.

Working from the vicarage, the administrator will play a proactive role in designing and implementing electronic (Office 365) and paper administrative systems.

The post will be for 15 hours per week permanently, with an additional seven hours per week for the first six months of the role (subject to possible renewal according to need), which will involve administration

for the fundraising for the St Mary's Community Spirit Appeal.

The ideal person will be highly computer literate, able to work proactively alone and as part of a team, personable, adaptable, a good communicator, and able to maintain confidentiality. Mutually convenient flexible working hours can be discussed. Salary: up to £10.50 per hour depending on experience.

For an informal chat or application pack, please contact the vicar, Jenny Gaffin, on 023-9307 0178 or jennyhaylingvicar@hotmail.com. Deadline: 12noon, Thursday 13 April. Interviews: Thursday 27 April.