

# Christmas celebrations

Ten ways to remember the birth of Jesus this Christmas, listed chronologically. More at [www.portsmouth.anglican.org/christmas](http://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/christmas)

## 1 ROWANS HOSPICE CAROL SERVICE: December 8, 7pm

A candlelit service in our cathedral, featuring Portsmouth Cathedral Choir and the Renaissance Choir, marking 25 years of the Rowans Hospice.



## 2 CHRISTMAS CANTATA: December 8, 7.30pm

Fareham Philharmonic Choir perform 'Christus Natus Est' by Cecilia McDowell and a selection of carols at Holy Trinity Church, Fareham

## 3 BONCHURCH NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS: December 9, 3pm

Traditional service with carols led by the Orpheus Singers, at St Boniface Church in Bonchurch

## 4 MILTON CAROL SERVICE: December 9, 6pm

St James Church in Milton hosts a carol service featuring St John's College Chapel Choir

## 5 BRIGHSTONE MILITARY BAND CONCERT: December 15, 7.30pm

The final flourish for the Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival features the Sandown and Shanklin Military Band in St Mary's, Brighstone

## 7 FAMILY CELEBRATION WITH POSADA FIGURES: Christmas Eve, 3pm and 4.45pm

Nativity figures that have travelled to different people's homes are brought back to St Paul's, Sarisbury Green. Two identical services take place.



## 6 ST JUDE'S, SOUTHSEA, CAROL SERVICE: December 16, 6.30pm

Traditional carols sung in candlelight, with readings and drama. Followed by mince pies



## 8 SANDOWN CAROLS AND NATIVITY: Christmas Eve, 4pm

Children are invited to dress as their favourite Nativity character to help re-enact the Christmas story at Christ Church, Sandown

## 10 EUCHARIST, Christmas Day, 10.30am

Join Bishop Christopher and the cathedral community for a Christmas celebration in our cathedral. Music by Portsmouth Cathedral Choir and Cantate. The preacher is Canon Peter Leonard

## 9 MIDNIGHT MASS: Christmas Eve, 11.30pm

Join worshippers at St George's Church, Waterlooville, for the first Communion of Christmas Day. The service starts in the quiet reflection of Christmas Eve and ends with Christmas celebrations.

