

Sunday 28 March

PORTSMOUTH, Oasis Church, Arundel Street, Landport: *Ecumenical Lent service* Preacher: Bishop Kenneth

Monday 29 March

NEWPORT, St Thomas's Church, (7.15pm): *Kairos roadshow for the Isle of Wight*. Led by the bishop. Investigating the challenges facing our diocese in the future. See pages 2-3 for details.

Thursday 1 April

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street, Old Portsmouth (6pm): *Evensong*. With HMS Indefatigable Association. SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church, Kent Road (7.30pm): *Concert*. By St Jude's Primary School Choir. See page 4.

Saturday 3 April

WATERLOOVILLE, St George's church hall, St George's Walk (10am-1pm): *Spring fayre*. Proceeds to the Rowans Hospice. FRESHWATER, Memorial Hall, Avenue Road (10.30am-1.30pm): *Lenten brunches*. Organised by the Churches of West Wight. Coffee, tea, soup and light lunches. Proceeds to Christian Aid, the Isle of Wight Christian Bus Project and the Holiday Bible Club. Also on April 10. PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11am): *Regional Chrism Eucharist*.

Palm Sunday

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (8am): *Holy Communion*; (10.30am): *Joint Eucharist*. With procession of palms from Garrison Church; (6pm): *Stainer's Crucifixion*. Performed by the cathedral choir.

Wednesday 7 April

EMSWORTH, Emsworth Pastoral Centre, Emsworth Square (12noon-1.30pm): *Lent Lunch*. Proceeds to Christian Aid.

Maundy Thursday

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11am): *Diocesan Chrism Eucharist*. (8pm): *Watch of the Passion*.

Good Friday

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10am): *Children's Journey of the Cross*; (12noon-2pm): *Readings and reflections for Good Friday*; (2pm-3pm): *Good Friday liturgy*.

Saturday 10 April

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (8pm): *Easter Vigil*. Includes baptism, confirmation and first Eucharist, beginning in the Garrison Church (in the nave if wet).

Easter Sunday

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (8am): *Holy*

TRAINING FOR KAIROS STUDY GROUP LEADERS

Leaders of small groups studying the theology behind the Kairos process in each parish are invited to attend ONE of the following sessions for training (NB: it's not vital to attend the session in your own deanery, as all sessions will be identical). Arrive at 7pm for coffee and refreshments ahead of the session.

Tuesday 20 April

ROWLANDS CASTLE, St John's church hall (7.30-9.30pm)

Wednesday 21 April

to be confirmed

Thursday 22 April

SWANMORE, Paterson Centre, Church Road (7.30-9.30pm)

Friday 23 April

to be confirmed

Tuesday 26 April

LOCKS HEATH, St John's church centre (7.30-9.30pm)

Wednesday 27 April

BRADING, St Mary's church hall, High Street (7.30-9.30pm)

Thursday 28 April

NEWPORT, Trinity Middle School, Wellington Road (7.30-9.30pm)

Friday 29 April

PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street (7.30-9.30pm)

Communion; (9.30am): *Parish Eucharist*; (11.15am): *Festal Sung Eucharist*. Celebrated by Bishop Kenneth. (6pm): *Festal Evensong*. With Bishop Kenneth.



Steve Legg (Southsea, April 30)

Saturday 24 April

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet Day*. Led by the Rev Arthur Dean. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks and tea provided. Cost: £5. Please ring on 023-9283 3498 to let them know you are coming. HAVANT, St Faith's Church, West Street (10am-5pm): *Havant Remembered - High Days and Holidays*. An exhibition of photos and memorabilia. Also on April 25 (11am-5pm). Free. HAMBLEDON, St Peter and St Paul's Church (12noon): *Launch of 'Stop the Rot'*. See page 5 for details. NEWPORT, Medina Theatre (7.30pm): *Stabat Mater* by Dvorak. The Isle of Wight Cantata Choir, soloists and orchestra. Tickets (£8) on 01983-527020.

Friday 30 April

SOUTHSEA, Church of the Holy Spirit (7pm-10pm): *Hit The Road*. Diocesan multi-media youth event for youngsters aged 14+. Performance by escapologist Steve Legg; drumming, craft, face-painting and prayer workshops; alternative worship and meet the bishop. For details, see: www.hittheroad.org.uk. Tickets (£4 per person), available on 023-9282 2053. DENMEAD, All Saints' Church (7.30pm): *Concert*. Elizabeth Le Grove, on the organ and Paul Hart on the trumpet. Tickets: £7 (including refreshments) on 023-9224 1161 or 023-9235 1209.

Saturday 1 May

SOUTHSEA, Church of the Holy Spirit (10am-1pm): *Hit The Road*. Diocesan multi-media youth event for youngsters aged nine to 11. Includes drama, craft, music and prayer workshops; alternative worship; and meet the bishop. See: www.hittheroad.org.uk for details. Tickets (£4 per person) are available on 023-9282 2053.

• Would you like your events for May listed here and on our diocesan website (www.portsmouth.anglican.org). Send details to: The Pompey Chimes, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street, Portsmouth, PO1 2HA by April 2. (NB: Early deadline because of Easter)

letter to the editor

Dear Sir,
There has never been a time more appropriate for a dialogue between the Abrahamic faiths than at present. My wife and I were delighted when we were invited to give a talk on Islam to a group of Christian friends engaged in a study pack named: 'Dialogue with Islam'.
We were able to explore each other's faiths, albeit not in depth, but sufficiently to

understand our common ground and our differences in a congenial atmosphere.
We were able to dispel some myths we have about each other's religious beliefs, and thereby increase our knowledge and understanding which in turn contributes to tolerance and harmonious co-existence.
Yours faithfully,
MSA Riyami, 6 Fairlea Road, Emsworth, Hants, PO10 7SX

situations vacant

SWANMORE: Enthusiastic conductor needed from September 2004 for a friendly, four-part choir (non-auditioned), of approximately 35 members of varied ability, singing a wide range of music. Performances are given for charity at local venues. Rehearsals take place on Monday evenings at Swanmore. Patience and encouragement, coupled with a flexible approach to repertoire, would be necessary. Sense of humour also useful. Small honorarium available. For further information, ring 01489-893083.

Salary: £20,596. Details and application forms from the diocesan director of education, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street, Portsmouth, PO1 2HA (023-9282 2053 or education.liz@portsmouth.anglican.org). Closing date: April 18.

DIOCESE: The Diocese of Portsmouth wishes to appoint a child protection adviser to promote good practice in child protection, to provide advice to the bishop and to ensure appropriate response to case-work issues.

This is a part-time (two days a week) post, based at the diocesan education office in Old Portsmouth. Salary £20,596 (pro-rata). Experience as a qualified professional within a child protection-related environment is desirable. Details and application forms available from the diocesan director of education, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street, Portsmouth, PO1 2HA (023-9282 2053 or education.liz@portsmouth.anglican.org). Closing date: April 18.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: The Diocesan Board of Education wishes to appoint a youth and children's work adviser to promote the highest standards in meeting the spiritual, educational and pastoral needs of children and young people, and providing support and training for those working with them in the parishes of the diocese.
This is a full-time post, based at the diocesan education office in Old Portsmouth.

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tour

WALSINGHAM: The Catholic Charter Group in our diocese is organising a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on May 21-23. You can leave Portsmouth at 8pm-8.30pm on Friday 21 May (or other pick-up points around the diocese) or during Saturday 22 May, to return at around 9.30pm-10pm on the Sunday.
Travel is by coach, and there is bedroom accommodation with shared bathrooms. There is disabled accommodation and provision for special diets. It costs £117 (two nights, adult), £80 (two nights, under 17), £85 (one night, adult) or £55 (one night, under 17).
For details and application forms, contact the Rev Mark Steadman on 023-9283 0154 or steadman@fish.co.uk

announcements

Appointments

The Rev Robin Coutts, vicar, St John's, Purbrook, and rural dean of Havant, to be priest-in-charge, Blendworth with Chalton and Idsworth, and diocesan director of non-stipendiary ministry. He will be licensed at Blendworth by the bishop on June 15 at 7.30pm.
The Rev Simon Weeden, rector, Bramshott and Liphook, to be rural dean of Petersfield from May.
The Rev Mike Sheffield, vicar, St Alban's, West Leigh, to be vicar, St George the Martyr, Waterloooville. He will be collated and instituted by the bishop on July 16
Brian Powell is appointed director of

initial Reader training from April 2004

Departures

The Rev Dr Fiona Stewart-Darling, chaplain, University of Portsmouth, to be bishop's chaplain in Docklands (London diocese).

Resignation

The Rev Michael John Smithson, vicar, St Luke's, Southsea, from January 31.

Death

The Rev Albert Millard, formerly of Gosport and with the bishop's recognition of ministry and permission to officiate, died in December 2003.