

Until Monday 17 May

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9am-6pm daily): *Yoko Ono Art Display.* See page 2 for details.

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) on 023-9282 2053.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Evensong sung by the Guild of Church Musicians.*

Sunday 2 May

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Evensong with cathedral volunteers.*

Monday 3 May

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton (10am-4pm): *May Fayre.* Displays and stalls from variety of organisations and individuals. Bell tower open for fine views of the city. CAMRA beer tent with over 40 real ales and ciders.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Evensong sung by St Mary's, Beddington.*

Thursday 6 May

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10am-4pm): *CME study day: 'Parson of prayer'.* Led by the Rev Peter Lippiett, diocesan spirituality adviser. Contact: the Rev Graham Smith (023 9232 6179).

Friday 7 May

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm): *Murder Mystery Evening.* Hosted by Portsmouth Cathedral Choir Association.

DENMEAD, All Saints church hall, Hambledon Road (7.30pm): *Ghanaian evening.* An evening of music, laughter and images from Ghana. Refreshments available and goods for sale.

Saturday 8 May

GOSPORT, Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Green (7.30pm): *Organ Fireworks.* Concert by Keith Hearnshaw, assistant organist of the Portsmouth Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary. Tickets and details from Peter Keat: 023-9258 2499.

HAMBLEDON, Hook Vinney (8pm): *Auction of promises.* Pay for promises from help with the gardening to a week's stay in a house in France. Proceeds to the 'Stop the Rot' appeal for repairs to the church roof.

PORTSMOUTH, Guildhall, Guildhall Square (7.30pm): *Music from the movies.* Portsmouth Chorus play music from films. Tickets: (£6-£8) on 023-9234 2257 or 023-9282 4355.

Sunday 9 May

SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church (6.30pm): *Celebration of 200 years of the Bible Society.* Preacher: the Rev Dr John Balchin, formerly at Above Bar Church, Southampton.

Tuesday 11 May

TOTLAND BAY, Christ Church, Alum Bay New Road (7.30pm): *Organ Extravaganza.* Concert by Keith Hearnshaw. Includes big screen with colour digital projections. Programme includes

popular organ music. Admission free. Retiring collection.



Canon Bob White at the May Fayre (Fratton, May 3)

Saturday 15 May

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9.30am-2.45pm): *Celebration of healing and wholeness.* Learn about this ministry as well as participating in a service where the laying on of hands and anointing is available. See page 3 for details.

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet day.* Led by the Rev Brett Ward. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks and tea provided. Cost: £5. Please ring the Sisters on 023-9283 3498 to let them know you are coming.

PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church, The Square (7.30pm): *Noel Coward at the Café de Paris.* Concert by Colin Baldy and Gulliver Ralston. Programme features songs and sketches that made Coward famous, plus songs by Gershwin and Cole Porter.

FAREHAM, Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road (7.30pm): *Concert by Havant Chamber Orchestra.* Includes music by Beethoven, E J Moeran, Mozart and Schubert. Tickets: 01329-231942.

Sunday 16 May

HAYLING ISLAND, Hayling ferry

terminal (9am): *Langstone Harbour charity walk.* Organised by the Lions Clubs of Portsmouth and Hayling Island. Walk for anything between one and 15 miles for charity of your own choice. Contact: Mike Burnham, PO Box 106, Hayling Island, PO11 9WG for sponsorship forms.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Cathedral Pilgrimage.* Musical pilgrimage around the cathedral in the context of worship.

SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church, Kent Road (6.30pm): *Concert.* By the internationally-renowned African Children's Choir. Free admission. Tickets on 023-9275 0442.

Tuesday 18 May

PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church, The Square (1pm): *Lunchtime concert.* By students from Bedales School. Admission free. Coffee available, but bring your own lunch. Retiring collection.

Thursday 20 May

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Ascension Day Eucharist.*

Friday 21 May -

Sunday 23 May

STUBBINGTON, Crofton Old Church, Lychgate Green (Friday & Saturday: 10am-5pm; Sunday: 10.30am-5pm): *St Edmund's Flower Festival.* Followed by service of thanksgiving at 5.30pm on the Sunday.

Friday 21 May

GOSPORT, St Mary's parish centre, Green Road, Alverstoke (7.30pm): *Wine evening.* Fundraising event for the Rowans Hospice in Purbrook. Limited tickets left. For details, contact: 023-9258 0168.

Saturday 22 May

GODSHILL, All Saints' Church (10am-1.15pm): *Living churchyard day.* For more information please contact Dr Simon Young, on 01983 741371.

SHALFLEET, St Michael's Church, Main Road (2pm-4.30pm): *Open day.* Activities, discovery, recitals, archives, refreshments - to suit all ages. For details, contact: Brian Mead (01983-760161).

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Spring concert.* With Portsmouth Cathedral Choir; **(9.30pm):** *Launch of new diocesan website.* See page 1 for details.

Sunday 23 May

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Celebration service.* To mark 10 years since the first women were ordained priests in the Portsmouth diocese. See pages 6-7 for details.

Sunday 30 May

WICKHAM, Rookesbury School, Southwick Road (2.30pm-5pm): *Bishop's Waltham area Pentecost event.* Theme: 'Soar in the Spirit'. See page 2 for details.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (8pm): *Taizé-style night prayer.*

Monday 31 May

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Evensong sung by RSCM South Cathedral Singers.*

• Would you like your events for June 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 May 10.*

tour

VENICE: The Rowans Hospice fundraising tour will lead a trip to Venice between November 18-21. Travel is by air, and the four-star hotel accommodation is along the Riva Degli Schiavoni and near Piazza San Marco.

The cost is £399 per person, which includes a donation to the hospice (based on double/twin en suite room). For a booking, send a sae to Hospice Travel Organiser (Venice), Orchard Cottage, 34 West Street, Southwick, PO17 6EA or contact the chaplain on 023-9237 7568 or rowanstravel@ya.hoo.co.uk

announcements

Appointments

The Rev Charlotte Hetherington, NSM assistant curate, Statfield Mortimer and Mortimer West End (Oxford diocese) to be associate vicar in St Mary, Portsea, with special responsibility for education and discipleship. She will be licensed by the Archdeacon of Portsdown on June 23.

The Rev Paul Kennedy, vicar, Steep and Froxfield with Privett, is now also bishop's adviser on healing.

The Rev Lesley Valiant, NSM assistant curate, Bedhampton, to be NSM assistant curate, St Jude's, Southsea from April 25.

Rodney Fox has been appointed assistant director of initial Reader training.

Departures

The Rev Judy Henning, minister in Whiteley, to be priest-in-charge, Old Cleeve and Leighland and Treborough (Bath and Wells diocese). She will be licensed on June 23.

Date

The Rev Susan Lucas, chaplain, HM Prison Albany, will be licensed by the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight on May 19.

letter to the editor

Dear Sir,
I recently attended one of the latest "roadshows" put on by the diocese. I know I was not the only one to be disappointed, frustrated and angry.

We are being asked to produce another mountain of paper, attend more meetings and more committees. Each parish must already have a pile of parish profiles, community surveys, deanery plans, central office reports, etc gathering dust in the corner of the parish office. Do we need to add to this yet again?

However admirable the sponsors' intentions, the effect was that, as the evening wore on, God faded further into the background and "what we want to do?" became the major theme.

Surely, what congregations need is a greater commitment to regular Bible study and regular prayer, to give God a chance to make his will known. Short bursts of directed activity seldom

include time for the depth of study or prayer that we all need if we are to discover God's will for us and for our churches.

The Church, to my mind, needs less hierarchy, less administration and less paper, not more. It might then have the resources and the vision to get nearer to the people it does not reach and get closer to showing the joy and love of the Christian message. If, despite my forebodings, this is the outcome, then I shall be very pleased.

*Yours sincerely,
John Bingham, High Gate,
Soake Road, Denmead*

EDITOR'S NOTE: While the prospect of yet more meetings to talk about what the Church should be doing may be unappealing, Mr Bingham is wrong to assume that the Kairos process does not involve studying the Bible or listening to God.

The current 'study phase' between Easter and Pentecost is a time to do precisely as he suggests. Six sessions of Bible study, prayer and reflection on the theology behind the Kairos process will be held in each parish, or cluster of parishes, during which we will all listen to what God has to say about his Church.

The results of that prayer and reflection will be collated and presented to the rest of the diocese at a major diocesan-wide conference on September 18.

It would also be a mistake to regard the Kairos process as involving more hierarchy or administration. One of the stated aims of the process is to produce a 'leaner' Church - one with a reduced amount of hierarchy and administration to allow the Church to share the joy and love of the Christian message, as Mr Bingham suggests.

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