

Wednesday 2 June

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Evensong with St Mary's Choir, Alverstoke.*

Friday 4 June

SHANKLIN, St Blasius Church, Church Road (12noon-1pm): *Concert.* By Worcester Male Voice Choir. To mark the church's 850th anniversary. Repeated at 2.30pm at Shanklin Chine, the Esplanade. Donations at both concerts to the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association.

Friday 4 June-Sunday 6 June

ST LAWRENCE, St Lawrence's Church, The Undercliffe: *Flower festival.* Theme: 'All This Beauty is of God'. (Sunday: 6.30pm): *Communion service.* See page 4 for details.

YARMOUTH, St James' Church, St James' Street (Friday: 12noon-4pm; Saturday: 10am-4pm; Sunday: 12noon-4pm): *Flower festival.* Theme: 60th anniversary of D-Day. (Sunday: 6.30pm): *United songs of praise.*

Saturday 5 June

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am-2.30pm): *Winchester and Portsmouth Guild of Church Bell-ringers' 125th anniversary peal;* (7.30pm): *Fragments of Eternity.* Concert by the Orlando Singers. Includes a range of European music from the past 150 years. Tickets: £10 (children and students: £1) available on 01202-528348 or on the door. PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Holy Spirit, Fawcett Road (11am): *Pontifical low mass.* To mark diamond jubilee of Canon Peter Knightley's ordination as a priest. See panel above.

PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church, The Square (8pm): *Blesséd in the Spirit.* Multi-media youth Eucharist for Pentecost. See: www.blessed.org.uk for details.

Sunday 6 June

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11.30am): *D-Day and Normandy Fellowship service.*

Monday 7 June

FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West Street (7.30pm): *Launch of research phase of Kairos process in Archdeaconry of the Meon.* See page 2 for details.

Tuesday 8 June

PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church, St Peter's Square (1pm): *Lunchtime organ recital.* Music illustrating seasons of the year, with Mark Dancer. Bring your own lunch. Coffee available. Retiring collection. Also on June 22, July 6 and 20.

Wednesday 9 June -**Sunday 13 June**

GOSPORT, St Thomas's Church, Elson Road (Wed-Fri: 10am-12noon, 2pm-4pm & 6pm-8pm; Sat: 10am-4pm; Sun: during and after services): *D-Day exhibition;* (Sat: 10am-4pm): *Church fete;* (Sun, 4pm): *Songs of Praise.* Details: see page 3.

Thursday 10 June

SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church, Kent

tour

ISRAEL/PALESTINE: Fact-finding tour to meet Israelis and Palestinians, Jews, Christians and Moslems, locals and leading members of Israeli and Palestinian communities. Includes visits to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron, Ramallah, Nablus, Nazareth and Galilee, the Wall, refugee camps and a Jewish settlement. On the Sundays, worship with local Palestinian Christian communities on the two Sundays. Full cost: £750, including return airfare, half-board accommodation and internal travel.

Full information and booking details from: the Rev Andrew Ashdown, The Vicarage, Ludcombe, Denmead, PO7 6TL (023-9225 5490 or vicar@aashdown.fsnet.co.uk).

Sixty years as a priest

A RETIRED vicar from our diocese will this month mark 60 years since he was ordained to the priesthood.

Canon Peter Keightley, 86, will reach the milestone at a pontifical low mass celebrated by the former Bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt Rev Timothy Bavin.

It will take place at the Church of the Holy

Spirit, Fawcett Road, Southsea, at 11am on June 5.

Peter was the vicar of Wymering from 1950-67, vicar of Holy Spirit, Southsea, from 1967-76, and a hospital chaplain until he retired in 1982.

He has taken services at many churches in our diocese since then, from Leigh Park to Godshill.



Canon Peter Keightley

Road (7.30pm): *Christians in Sport road-show.* See pages 6-7 for details.

Saturday 12 June

PETERSFIELD, Holy Trinity Church, Privett (7.30pm): *Concert by Petersfield Chamber Choir.* In aid of Churches Conservation Trust. Details: 01730-262387. PORTSMOUTH, St Margaret's parish centre, Highland Road, Eastney (7.30pm): *Social evening to celebrate 60th anniversary of D-Day.* Details: page 3.

Sunday 13 June

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11am): *Falklands Memorial Service.* PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Ascension, Stubbington Avenue (6.30pm): *Solemn dedication mass.* To mark the church's 90th anniversary. See page 5 for details.

Monday 14 June

DENMEAD, All Saints' Church, Hambledon Road (7.30pm): *Launch of research phase of Kairos process in Portsdown archdeaconry.* See page 2 for details.

Tuesday 15 June

PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church, The Square (7.30pm): *The Petersfield School in concert.* NEWPORT, St Thomas's Church, St Thomas's Square (7.30pm): *Launch of research phase of Kairos process in Isle of Wight archdeaconry.* See page 2 for details.

Tuesday 15 June -**Thursday 17 June**

PORTSMOUTH, Cosham Baptist Church, Havant Road (10.15am and

7.30pm): *The Living Word.* Bible convention. Speaker: Colin Smith, Arlington Heights Evangelical Free Church, Illinois, USA. See: www.thelivingword.org.uk

Thursday 17 June

SOUTHSEA, Church of the Holy Spirit, Fawcett Road (7.45pm): *Concert of young performers.* Priory School Band, Oaklands School Recorder Ensemble and instrumental solos. Followed by refreshments and collection for church's centennial appeal.

Friday 18 June

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Evensong attended by honorary and lay canons.* SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church, Kent Road (6.30pm): *Concert.* By 'Hermitage', from the conservatoire in St Petersburg. Tickets: £5, on 023-9275 0442.

Saturday 19 June

SOUTHSEA, Rocksby's Restaurant, Seafront (8.45am): *Sports breakfast.* Tickets: £5 on 023-9275 1150. See pages 6-7 for details. PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street (9am): *Diocesan synod.* PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10am): *Portsmouth Festivities art exhibition.* Until June 27; (7.30pm): *Concert.* Portsmouth Choral Union play classical favourites including Fauré, Franck, Mozart and Bruckner. Tickets: £10 and £8.50 on 023-9282 2227 or portsmouth.choral-union@ntlworld.com PORTSMOUTH, St Margaret's parish centre, Highland Road, Eastney (10am-12noon): *Summer fair.* WATERLOOVILLE, St George's Church, St George's Walk (10am): *Summer fete.* Admission free.

help wanted

DIocese: The Mothers' Union, Portsmouth diocese, urgently need a diocesan secretary and can offer a modest honorarium. If you have the usual secretarial skills and think you could help, please phone Marian Wendon on 023-9229 4869.

DIocese: Help in Bereavement is a local charity that offers practical and emotional support to those in need of help in bereavement.

It is currently looking for more volunteers to train as visitors. All visitors

need to be able to maintain confidentiality, have good listening skills and empathy. Full training will be given from September.

Are you interested? Contact: 023-9266 8884 or HIB, PO Box 617, Portsmouth, PO6 2ZR.

SHEET: The parish of St Mary Magdalen, Sheet, is looking for 1998 editions of the words-only version of *The Source* for congregational use. Terms negotiable. Contact the parish office on 01730-302695.

announcements

Appointments

The Rev Peter Faulkner, to be NSM priest-in-charge, St John the Evangelist Church, Wroxall.

The Rev Anne Faulkner, to be NSM assistant curate, St John the Evangelist Church, Wroxall. Both will be licensed by the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight on a date to be announced.

The Rev Dr Paul Moore, vicar, St Wilfrid's, Cowplain, also to be rural dean of Havant from June in succession to the Rev Robin Coutts. He will be

licensed by the bishop on September 5. John Marshman has been appointed as diocesan child protection adviser.

Date

The Rev Simon Weeden, rector, Bramshott and Liphook, will be licensed as rural dean of Petersfield on July 4.

Retirement

The Rev Pat Fletcher, NSM assistant curate, Blendworth and Chalton with Idsworth, with effect from June 27.

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Way (10am-4pm): *Quiet day.* Led by Sister Mary Joy SSB. 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.

WEST LEIGH, St Alban's Church, Bartons Road (11am-3pm): *Strawberry fayre.* Stalls, strawberry teas, Morris dancing and children's displays.

HAMBLEDON, Mason's Field, West Street (11am-4pm): *Country fayre.* To raise money for the 'Stop the Rot' appeal. See page 2 for details.

BORDON, Whitehill Chase (2pm): *Celebration tent event.* Run by Acorn Christian Foundation. Includes workshops and healing service. Details: 01420-478121 or info@acornchristian.org

DURLEY, Wintershall Hall (2pm-5pm): *Durley church fete.* 'Super stalls', entertainment, sideshows, competitions, tombola, draws and refreshments. Free parking.

FAREHAM, St Columba's Church, Hillson Drive (7pm): *Organ recital.* Hear many of your favourites on new Makin organ, played by cathedral organist David Price. Free. Details: 01489-573353.

NEWPORT, St John's Church, Drake Road (7.15pm): *A Choral Treasury.* With the Orpheus Singers. Music from Purcell, Rachmaninov and Rutter. Tickets: £6, students: free.

PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Avenue, Farlington (7.30pm): *Exile.* Top Cat Theatre Company's latest play. See page 1 for details.

Sunday 20 June

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11.15am): *Portsmouth Festivities opening service.*

Monday 21 June

PORTSDOWN, Christ Church, London Road (1.15pm): *Floreat.* Demonstration using artificial and silk flowers and natural dried exotics, by Portsmouth branch of the Church of England Flower Arrangers Association.

Tuesday 22 June

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (1.10pm): *Concert. Marche Militaire* with David Price, cathedral organist, and Dave Price, principal trumpet of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

Friday 25 June

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Concert.* Reprise of concert premiered in Caen on June 6. See page 3 for details; (9pm): *Compline.* Part of the Portsmouth Festivities.

Friday 25 June -**Monday 28 June**

WARBLINGTON, St Thomas a Becket Church, Church Lane (Friday, Saturday and Monday: 11am-5pm; Sunday: 12.30pm-5pm): *Flower festival.* Theme: 'A Cloud of Witnesses', a thanksgiving flower festival for the restoration of the church.

Saturday 26 June

SHEFFIELD, St John the Baptist Church's study centre, Church Road (10am-3.45pm): *Bishop's Waltham deanery summer Bible school.* See page 3 for details.

SOBERTON, Church Green (2pm): *Celebration of bygone days in a country village.* To mark the village's involvement in preparations for D-Day. Admission: £1. PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Ordination of deacons.* See page 5 for details.

RYDE, All Saints' Church, Queen's Road (7.15pm): *A Choral Treasury.* With the Orpheus Singers. Music from Purcell, Rachmaninov and Rutter. Tickets: £6, students: free.

PORTSMOUTH, Admiral Lord Nelson School (7.30pm): *Brush Up Your Shakespeare.* Portsmouth Festival Choir. Tickets: £10 (students: £5) on 023-9284 3501.

Sunday 27 June

CALBOURNE, around All Saints' Church, The Green (11am-5pm): *Gardens open day.* Fifteen gardens in the village open for viewing. Admission: £2.50 covers all gardens.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): *Ordination of priests.* See page 5 for details; (8pm): *Concert.* By the London Mozart Players.

FAREHAM, St Peter & St Paul's Church, Osborn Road (6pm): *Ordination of the Rev David Butcher.* PORTSMOUTH, Garrison Church, Grand Parade (8pm): *Taizé-style night prayer* (transferred from cathedral).

Tuesday 29 June

FRESHWATER, All Saints' Church, Church Place (7.15pm): *A Choral Treasury.* With the Orpheus Singers. Music from Purcell, Rachmaninov and Rutter. Tickets: £6, students: free.

● *Would you like your events for July and August listed here and on our diocesan website (www.portsmouth.anglican.org)? Send details to: Pompey Chimes, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street, Portsmouth, PO1 2HA by June 7. NB: there is no separate Pompey Chimes for August.*

letter to the editor

Dear editor,

Almost half of my ministry has been served in a Church which ordains women to the priesthood - an innovation to which I remain fundamentally opposed. The provisions, so anathema to many, which accompanied the legislation, have allowed clergy, laity and congregations to remain in the Church.

However, the ordination of women to the episcopate would be a step too far. I can appreciate the rationale of such a development. But I would consider it to contravene the fourth article of the Lambeth Quadrilateral.

The Church of England is an episcopal church. This alteration to the episcopate would have considerable consequences. If it goes forward, I hope the general synod and House of Bishops will be as gracious and accommodating as they were following the decision of November 1992.

Many parishes, my own included, would now petition for alternative episcopal oversight. The increase in the number of so-called 'C' parishes would strengthen the case for a non-geographic province (alongside Canterbury and York). But I would want to advocate caution in seeing this as necessarily the product of the

Third Province Movement.

The movement must be commended for fostering the idea of a third province over the past 12 years. But what kind of third province does it advocate?

According to the *Church of England Year Book 2004*, it would be: "for all those, whatever their churchmanship, who in conscience cannot accept the ordination of women to the priesthood and other liberal developments." Those last three words could well prove to be the movement's Achilles heel.

Its literature proposes that the *Book of Common Prayer* should be its liturgical staple: both the *Alternative Service Book* and *Common Worship* are 'liberal developments'. Allied to this is an approach to moral theology and ethics which many of us would consider to be ultra-conservative. This, and much more, will discourage many would-be adherents.

Let there be a campaign for a third province. But let us hope and pray that wiser, and more comprehensive, counsels prevail at Lambeth Palace and Church House than those of the Third Province Movement.

Yours faithfully,
Fr Richard Smith,
Vicar of Lake and St Saviour, Shanklin