

Thursday 1 July

SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church (7.30pm): *A musical soiree with Kaleidoscope.* Part of the Thomas Ellis Owen Festival. See page 5 for details.

Friday 2 July-Sunday 4 July

PORTSMOUTH, Third Floor Arts Centre, Central Library, Guildhall Square (7.30pm): *The 'Ouses in Between.* Play performed as part of the Thomas Ellis Owen Festival. See page 5 for details.
BINSTEAD, Church of the Holy Cross, Pitts Lane (Friday: 6pm-8pm; Saturday: 10am-4.30pm; Sunday: 12noon-4.30pm): *Celebration of flowers based on patron saints.* Culminates in service of praise on **July 4** at 4.30pm.

Saturday 3 July

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet day.* Led by the Rev John Mortiboys. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks and tea provided. Cost: £5. Please let the Sisters know if you want to come on 023-9283 3498 or ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk

SOUTHSEA, Dovercourt, Kent Road (10am-5pm): *Talks on the life of Thomas Ellis Owen, flower show, children's activities, street theatre, cream teas and guided tours.* Also on **July 4.** Part of the Thomas Ellis Owen Festival. See page 5 for details.
PORTSMOUTH, St Cuthbert's vicarage garden, Lichfield Road (1pm): *Summer fete.* Usual attractions and more. Entry: 30p, accompanied children: free.

GOSPORT, St John's Church, Forton Road (1pm-4pm): *Summer fair.* Stalls, refreshments, games, grand draw. Admission: 20p.

WIDLEY, Christ Church, London Road (1.30pm): *Parish summer fete.* Proceeds towards the Portsdown Parish Centre. Includes marching band from TS Alacrity, barbershop singers, steel band, slot-car racing, bouncy castle, refreshments. Admission: 50p (children: free).

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Baptism and confirmation service.*

WHIPPINGHAM, St Mildred's Church, Beatrice Avenue (7pm): *Unity Stompers.* Live broadcast on Angel Radio. Bring a picnic to eat while you listen to the island's top traditional jazz combo. Tickets: £5 (Under-12s: free).

PURBROOK, St John's church hall, London Road (7.30pm): *Ghanaian evening.* Music, video, refreshments. Admission free.

FAREHAM, Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road (7.30 pm): *Petite Messe Solennelle.* Performed by Fareham Philharmonic Choir with soloists and orchestra. Tickets £9.50, £7.50 (conc) and £2 (under 16) on the door or on 01329-664989.

Sunday 4 July

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11.15am): *Portsmouth City Council service.*

Monday 5 July

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (2pm): *Diocesan school leavers' service.* For pupils in the top years of church primary and middle schools.

Tuesday 6 July

PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church, The Square (1pm): *Lunchtime organ recital.* Mark Dancer plays music from the seasons of the Church year. Bring your own lunch. Coffee provided. Retiring collection. Also

tour

EGYPT/HOLY LAND: Follow in the footsteps of Moses on a proposed eight-day pilgrimage visiting Mount Sinai, St Catherine's monastery, Petra, Madaba, Mount Nebo, the Dead Sea, Amman and Jerash in November 2005. Cost: £975. For more details, contact the Rev Tim Eady, Brighstone Rectory, on 01983-740267.



Louise (Sharman Callum) and John (Damon Wakelin) try to persuade Graham (Simon Walton) not to stand in a local election

on **July 20.**
TOTLAND BAY, Christ Church, Alum Bay New Road (7.30pm): *Organ recital.* Tomas Ibrmajer from the Czech Republic. To include improvisations on requested themes.

Saturday 10 July

PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral Green Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (2pm): *Cathedral garden party.* Stalls, strawberry cream teas.

FAREHAM, Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road (7.30pm): *Concert.* Havant Symphony Orchestra play Elgar, Massenet, Ravel and Franck. Tickets: £5.50-£14 on 01329-231942.

PORTSMOUTH, St Cuthbert's church hall, Hayling Avenue, Copnor (7.30pm): *Desert island discs.* Evening of music and memories. For details contact Vivian Waight on vwaight@prcdtr-finance.org

Sunday 11 July

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11am): *Patronal festival service.*

WARSASH, D-Day Memorial, Warsash Hard (6.30pm): *Hymns of praise.* Organised by St Mary's Church, Hook-with-Warsash. Well-known hymns with a sea-going flavour.

Saturday 17 July

PORTSMOUTH, St Cuthbert's church hall, Hayling Avenue, Copnor (7.30pm): *An experience of Uganda.* David and Jeanette Power present photos and stories from a recent trip, including the work of Hospice Africa in Kampala. Fairtrade goods sold. Tickets: £3. Proceeds to Hospice Africa and St Cuthbert's development project.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Concert.* Solent Symphony Orchestra.

Sunday 18 July

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11am): *Mary Rose service of remembrance.*

Tuesday 20 July

GOSPORT, St Mary's Church, Green Road, Alverstoke (7.30pm): *Choral Evensong.* To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the church. Preacher: Bishop

Kenneth. Clergy invited to robe. See page 3 for details.

Friday 23 July

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Evensong attended by the International Association of Organists Congress.*

Friday 23 July-Sunday 25 July

SANDOWN, St John the Evangelist Church, Carter Street (Friday & Saturday: 10am-4pm, 7pm-9pm; Sunday: 2pm-5pm, 7pm-9pm): *Flower festival.* Theme: 'Thank you for the music'.

Sunday 25 July

EASY COWES, St James' Church, Well Road (9.30am): *Family Communion for patronal festival gift day; (6.30pm):* *Songs of Praise with Hugh Ashley.*

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL, High Street, Portsmouth (8pm): *Taizé-style night prayer.* See page 6-7 for details.

Tuesday 27 July

YAVERLAND, Yaverland Manor, Yaverland Road (2pm-4pm): *Garden party.* Organised by St John the Baptist Church. Music, produce, stalls etc. Entrance fee: 50p.

Wednesday 28 July

SHANKLIN, The Rectory, Church Road (1.45pm-4pm): *Summer fayre.* Part of the celebrations for the 850th anniversary of St Blasius Church. Includes Gillian Cartwright dancers, stalls and teas.

Saturday 31 July

PURBROOK, St John's Church, London Road: *Canal boat trip to Newbury.* Splendid day out. Contact Eve Mountain on 023-9226 3540 for details.

Sunday 1 August

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9am-6pm): *Portsmouth and Hampshire Arts Society summer exhibition.* Until **August 12.**

Tuesday 3 August

TOTLAND BAY, Christ Church, Alum Bay New Road (7.30pm): *Organ recital.* Dr Roy Massey, president of the Royal College of Organists.

'EXILE' TOUR DATES

Top Cat Theatre Company presents *Exile*, a new play devised with the help of asylum seekers and including some in the cast. Each performance is followed by a post-show discussion with members of the Portsmouth Area Refugee Service. Admission free. For more information, see: www.topcattheatre.com

Thursday 15 July

SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church, Kent Road (7.30pm): *Exile*

Thursday 22 July

HAVANT, St Faith's church hall, The Pallant, (7.30pm): *Exile*

Friday 23 July

SHEDFIELD, St John's study centre, Church Road (7.30pm): *Exile*

Sunday 8 August

COWES, Holy Trinity Church, Queens Road (11am): *Seafarers' service.* Preacher: The Ven Trevor Reader, Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight. Followed by a reception hosted by the RNLI; (6pm): *Regatta service.* Preacher: Canon Alan Brown, former rural dean of West Wight. See page 2 for details.

Monday 9 August -

Saturday 14 August

COWES, Holy Trinity Church, Queens Road (10am-4pm daily): *Church open for Cowes Week.* Plus exhibition of God-given talents until **August 15.** See page 2 for details.

EAST COWES, St James' Church, Well Road (10am-4pm daily; also 6.30pm-8.30pm Wednesday and Thursday): *Jigsaw puzzle festival.* Admission: £1 (adults), 50p (children).

Tuesday 10 August -

Friday 13 August

HAMBLEDON, Village Hall (10am-12.30pm): *Champions!* Holiday club with an Olympic theme. See page 12 for details.
DENMEAD, Denmead Community Centre, School Lane (9.30am-3.30pm): *Denmead Activities and Bible School.* Holiday club for Denmead children. See page 12 for details.

Saturday 14 August -

Monday 30 August

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9am-6pm): *Summer art in the nave.* With the Rev Derick Stevenson, diocesan iconographer, the Rev Robin Coutts, photographer, and a sculptor, artist and woodworker.

Saturday 14 August

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Concert.* Cologne New Philharmonic Orchestra.

Saturday 21 August

SHANKLIN, St Blasius Church, Church Road (7.30pm): *Concert.* Barbers' shop quartet, Godshill Singers and Godshill Bellringers, with soloist Emily Renshaw. Part of the celebrations for the 850th anniversary of the church. Tickets: £3 at the door.

Sunday 22 August

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (3pm): *Normandy Veterans Association 60th anniversary commemoration service.*

Monday 23 August -

Friday 27 August

FRESHWATER, All Saints Primary School (10am-12.30pm daily): *Go For Gold.* Summer holiday club organised by West Wight Churches Together. See page 12 for details.

SWANMORE, Paterson Centre, Church Road (9am-12.30pm): *Summer holiday club.* Organised by St Barnabas Church. See page 12 for details.

Sunday 29 August

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (8pm): *Taizé-style night prayer.* See pages 6-7 for details.

● *Would you like your parish events for September 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 **August 9.** NB: there is no separate Pompey Chimes for August.*

letters to the editor

Dear editor,
 I sympathise with Mr Bingham ('Letters', May 2004) - I've also attended some pretty uninspiring Kairos-introduction events. And I also feel some disappointment and frustration - though mine are occasioned by others' lack of vision and enthusiasm. At last we could sweep away impediments to revitalising the Church of England in this diocese, yet people are still parading their hopes and fears (and giving them equal weight) rather than talking of seizing opportunities and solving problems. Yet rather than being discouraged at what has seemed at times a slow and hesitant start, I'm all the keener to get down to talking about Kairos at the parish and 'cluster' level.

I do, however, object to the casual and widespread slighting, by people who should know better, of 'bureaucracy' (ie. organised, disinterested, rule-based administration) and 'hierarchy' (the human authority-structure necessary to ensure that rules and procedures are applied sensibly and justly). And, indeed, to the Kairos assumption that we should be better-organised to seize opportunities and meet challenges, and better-able to share resources and co-ordinate effort, yet can somehow do so while reducing 'administration' still further.

An institution which actively seeks to expand and/or change its role within society must *increase* the proportion of effort devoted to administration, not reduce it (reductions in 'hierarchy' and 'administration' do not make an institution more humane or adaptive, merely less well-organised). Of course, it is sometimes possible to dispense with outdated proce-

dures which no longer serve a useful purpose - but beware of over-hasty decisions to discard procedures/capabilities which then have to be re-established; the best one can usually achieve is modification.

It would be more realistic and honest to acknowledge that the C of E would benefit from *more* administrative effort if it is to function effectively amid the complexities and pressures of 21st century Britain. It seems foolish to state, before even considering what the other outcomes of the Kairos process might be, that one objective is to reduce hierarchy and administration - akin to a garage manager wishing to take on an increased and more complex workload deciding at the outset that one objective was to reduce the number of mechanics, tools and maintenance handbooks.

Yours sincerely, Mark Brady, St Philip's Church, Cosham

Dear Sir,
 To anyone who turned up at Holy Trinity Church, Gosport, on Saturday 8 May to hear me, Keith Hearnshaw, play an organ concert, my sincere apologies for their wasted journey! The concert had been booked 12 months or so earlier and was cancelled in January this year due to a lack of funding. Obviously someone was ill-informed and placed an advert [in the *Pompey Chimes*] which didn't get cancelled. For the record, I am not assistant organist to the Portsmouth Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary. To see further dates when I am playing in this area, visit me at: www.keithhearnshaw.co.uk.

Yours sincerely, Keith Hearnshaw (by e-mail)

help offered

PORTSMOUTH: Qualified organist available for weddings and funerals across the Portsmouth diocese. Contact Michael Neville, a member of the organists' team at the Church of the Ascension, North End, on 01983-614035.

situation vacant

CHICHESTER: St Paul's, Chichester, is seeking a Director of Music to work with its 30-strong mixed choir and team of organists to develop the worship of the people of God through music at the 10am Sunday Parish Eucharist and on other occasions. Priorities are choir training, administration and work with children. RSCM rates. Initial enquiries to the rector or office manager on 01243-533403 or stpaul@churchsidechichester.freeserve.co.uk