

**Saturday 2 October**

**SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church, Kent Road (10am-5pm):** *Training day for reaching East Asians in the UK.* Led by OMF.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Guildhall, Guildhall Square (7.30pm):** *Concert.* 'Showtime' by Portsmouth Chorus. Tickets: 023-9282 4355.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm):** *Organ recital.* By Stephen Farr of Guildford Cathedral.

**Sunday 3 October**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11.45am):** *HM Royal Marines Memorial Service.*

**Tuesday 5 October**

**PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street (7.30pm):** *Training in how to use Kairos study material for children.* See page 3 for details.

**Wednesday 6 October**

**PORTSMOUTH, St John's RC Cathedral, Edinburgh Road (5.30pm):** *Church leaders' meeting.* A chance for clergy and others to meet the Rev Steve Chalke of the Oasis Trust to talk about Kairos; (7pm): *Worship service.* The Rev Steve Chalke talks about community engagement as part of Kairos process. Worshipers from other denominations welcome at both.  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Landport (7.30pm):** *Patronal festival.* Preacher: Fr Michael Sparrow.  
**NEWPORT, St Paul's church hall, Barton (7.30pm):** *Training for children's leaders: 'Making the most of Advent and Christmas'.* See page 3 for details.

**Thursday 7 October**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10am):** *Diocesan schools' children's workshop.*

**Friday 8 October**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm):** *Mary Rose concert.*  
**NEWPORT, Quay Street Methodist hall (7.30pm):** *Christian Aid barn dance.*

**Saturday 9 October**

**NEWPORT, St Paul's church hall, Barton (10am-12.30pm):** *Parish magazine editors' session.* Design and layout. Contact: Neil Pugmire (023-9282 5731).  
**DENMEAD, All Saints' Church, Hambledon Road (7.30pm):** *Concert.* By the Portsmouth Citadel Songsters of the Salvation Army. Tickets: £7 (023-9224 1161 or 023-9226 8565).

**Sunday 10 October**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (10am):** *Dedication festival.* Preacher: the Ven Kenneth Gibbons.

**Tuesday 12 October**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm):** *Motherhood - a roller coaster ride!* Di Parsons, from Care for the Family, speaks. Tickets: £6. See page 2 for details.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm):** *The Lindsays Quartet in concert.* The string quartet play music by Haydn, Tippett and Beethoven. Tickets: 023-9284 3013 or 023-9282 4355.  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mark's church hall, Derby Road, North End (7.30pm):** *Training for children's leaders: 'Making the most of Advent and Christmas'.* See page 3 for details.  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (7.30pm):** *Patronal festival.* Preacher: Fr Beau Brandie.

**Wednesday 13 October**

**LEIGH PARK, St Francis' church hall, Riders Lane (7.30pm):** *Training for children's leaders: 'Making the Most of Advent and Christmas'.* See page 3 for details.

**Thursday 14 October**

**SOUTHSEA, Church of the Holy Spirit, Fawcett Road (7.45-8.45pm):** *Dickens Evening.* Readings and musical items in Victorian soirée style. Refreshments.



**Voskresenje, a choir from St Petersburg Russians sing on island**

A RUSSIAN choir will visit Cowes later this month for an evening of folk and religious music.

Voskresenje, who have been trained at St Petersburg Conservatoire, will perform at St Mary's Church, Cowes, from 7.30pm on October 30. The vocal ensemble group was founded in 1993, has performed

across Europe, as well as recording two CDs.

They will perform sacred music in the first half of the concert and folk music in the second. Admission will cost £8, including a programme.

Wine and soft drinks will be available in the interval. All proceeds will go to the St Mary's church roof fund.

Retiring collection for church's centennial appeal.  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm):** *Royal Marines School Music concert.*

**Friday 15 October**

**WOOTON, St Mark's Church, Station Road (7.30pm):** *Blesséd on the Island.* Multimedia youth Eucharist. See page 1 for details.

**Saturday 16 October**

**FAREHAM, Holy Trinity church hall, West Street (10am-12.30pm):** *Parish magazine editors' session.* Design and layout. Contact: Neil Pugmire (023-9282 5731).  
**BOTLEY, All Saints' Church, High Street (4pm-6pm):** *Come and Sing 'Messiah'.* Rehearsals; (7pm): *Performance of 'Messiah'.* Tickets: £5 per singer, £3 for audience. Music available for hire, but bring your own if you have it. Tea and coffee provided. Tickets: 01489-786164.  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (10am):** *Autumn bazaar.*

**Sunday 17 October**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11.15am):** *Annual seafarers' service.* (3pm): *Rowans Hospice 10th memorial and thanksgiving service.* To mark the 10th anniversary since the hospice opened. See page 5 for details.

**situations vacant**

**DIOCESE:** The Portsmouth diocese of the Mothers' Union are on the point of moving into their own diocesan office.

They need a diocesan secretary to service meetings of trustees and council, and to deal with all correspondence, phone calls and record-keeping.

This will involve being in the office for a few hours each week. If you think you can help, please contact Marian Wendon on 023-9229 4869.

**DIOCESE:** The diocese is looking for a youth and children's work adviser to replace the Rev Karina Green.

The post-holder would promote the highest standards in meeting spiritual, educational and pastoral needs of children and young people, and provide support and training for those working with them in the parishes. This is a full-time post, based at the diocesan education office in Old Portsmouth. Salary

range: £20,596-£24,591.

If you know anyone who might be interested, details and application forms are available on 023-9282 2053 or education.liz@portsmouth.anglican.org.

Closing date for applications: October 8. Interviews will be held on: October 19.

**HAYLING ISLAND:** Organist required for principal services, choir practice, weddings and funerals at St Mary's on Hayling Island.

You will need to work as part of a team with the music director and vicar. Job share welcomed. RSCM rates apply, plus travel expenses.

Information pack available from the parish office, 4 Tournerbury Suite, 24 Church Road, Hayling Island, Hants, PO11 ONT (023-9263 7649) or parishoffice@haylinganglicans.freesev.e.co.uk

pare for (6pm): *IDWAL celebration service.* See pages 6-7 for details.

**Wednesday 27 October**

**BISHOP'S WALTHAM, St Peter's church hall, Free Street (10.30am-3pm):** *SPCK Worldwide book fair.* Sale of new and second-hand books on range of topics. Refreshments available. Tickets: £5 (01489-893372). Cash raised helps Third World churches produce Christian books.

**Saturday 30 October**

**COWES, Cowes High School (time to be confirmed):** *Super Hero gig.* Evangelistic event supported by St John's Church, Newport. Tickets: £5 (01983-535583).  
**COWES, St Mary's Church, Church Road (7.30pm):** *Concert.* By Russian choir Voskresenje. See panel, left, for details.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm):** *Concert.* By the Renaissance Choir.

**Sunday 31 October**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (8am, 9.30am and 11am):** *All Saints' services;* (6pm): *Requiem for All Souls;* (8pm): *Taizé-style night prayer.*  
**WARSASH, St Mary's Church, Church Road (4pm-6pm):** *Growing a healing ministry.* Start of five-part course for Christians interested in healing and wholeness. See page 5 for details.

**Tuesday 2 November**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, (7.30pm):** *Sung requiem mass for All Souls' Day.* Music: Fauré's *Requiem.*

● *Would you like your parish events for November listed here and on our website (www.portsmouth.anglican.org)? Send details to: Pompey Chimes, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street, Portsmouth, PO1 2HA by October 11.*

**BISHOP'S WALTHAM DEANERY AUTUMN LECTURES 2004**

**SWANMORE, the Paterson Centre, next to St Barnabas Church, Church Road (Tuesdays, 8pm):** *Lectures on the theme: 'Paths of Spirituality'.* Each talk will last for around an hour, followed by coffee and questions until 9.30pm. Advance ticket for whole series: £10. Individual tickets on the door: £2.50. To book your place, ring Tony Thorpe on 01489-891350. See page 3 for more details

**Tuesday 12 October**

(8pm): *The beginnings of the Western spiritual tradition.* The Rev Dr Peter Lippiett, diocesan spirituality adviser, will introduce the series.

**Tuesday 19 October**

(8pm): *Christian meditation.* By Liz Watson, London Christian Meditation Centre.

**Tuesday 26 October**

(8pm): *The Franciscans.* By Brother Samuel, SSF minister general Europe

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(8pm): *The Ignatian tradition.* By Father Gerard Hughes SJ, author of *God of Surprises* and *God in Everything.*

**Tuesday 9 November**

(8pm): *The Benedictine tradition.* By the Rt Rev Timothy Bavin, former Bishop of Portsmouth.

**Tuesday 16 November**

(8pm): *Prayer in the daily round.* By Ann Lewin, a poet from Southampton.

**announcements**

**Appointments:**

**The Rev Anne Gothard,** NSM assistant curate, East Meon and Langrish, to be NSM assistant curate, Clanfield and Catherington. She was licensed by the Archdeacon of Portsdown on September 10.

**The Rev Carolyn Headley,** teacher in spirituality, liturgy and worship, Wycliffe Hall and director of the Oxford Diploma in Ministry course (Oxford diocese) to be priest-in-charge, West Meon and Warnford and Petersfield deanery co-ordinator of education and training. She

will be licensed by the bishop on a date to be announced.

**Resignation:**

**Alison Holbrook,** assistant social responsibility adviser, resigned with effect from August 23.

**Retirements:**

**The Rev Harvey Griffiths,** chaplain to the parishes of St James-without-the-Priory-Gate, and St Nicholas, Boarhunt, with effect from January 31, 2005.

**letters to the editor**

Dear Sir,

Through the good offices of the Mothers' Union, Portsmouth diocese, myself and my wife had a lovely holiday in Providence House in Compton Abbas.

We were met at Southampton ferry terminal by Susan Jones and safely transported to a lovely country house with beautiful views, where we stayed for a week, cared for by the Mothers' Union ladies, who took upon themselves to provide an excellent menu.

We were taken around to visit local beauty spots in Shaftesbury, went to Evensong in the church on the hill in Compton Abbas. We enjoyed the company of the other people staying at the house. Thank you, Mothers' Union, for a delightful change.

*Yours sincerely,*  
 Bernard Pelling, 2 Church Path,  
 East Cowes, Isle of Wight

To the editor,

What a refreshing description of Evensong at St Mark's in North End (Pompey Chimes, July) and how encouraging it is to hear from a church that values

and supports traditional Evensong. One might ask why we always presume that changing the old for the new is always better.

Here at St Mary's, Carisbrooke, we have full (sung) Evensong every Sunday, except special services of hymns, readings and prayer to reflect special occasions such as harvest. Visitors to the island are always welcome to join us, frequently coming back year after year. Our choir is 20-strong when in full flow, including about six junior choristers.

I agree with Tom Kennar when he says: "Informal worship doesn't replace more traditional services, but offers a place in which new ideas can be tried and, if found helpful, offered in other parts of the Christian life."

As we travel through the Kairos process, we need to feel open to God in all sorts of ways, and I welcome this. But we are sometimes in danger of throwing out the baby with bathwater. I would be interested in your comments.

*Yours sincerely,*  
 Barbara Holbrook (Reader), Pandora, Ash Lane, Newport, Isle of Wight