

Monday 2 May
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church,
Fratton Road, Fratton (10am): *May Fayre*
and beer festival.

Thursday 5 May
ROWLANDS CASTLE, St John's
church hall, Manor Lodge Road
(7.30pm-9pm): *Between The Two Temples.*
 A 'Next Steps' course run by the Board of
 Education, looking at how Christianity and
 Rabbinic Judaism developed. Contact: 023-
 9282 2053. Also on **May 12, 19 and 26.**



Krysla Butwilska
(Pentecost Lecture, May 15)

Saturday 7 May
NITON Blackgang Chine viewpoint car
park (from 8am): *Christian Aid sponsored*
walk. Walk 17 miles across the island to
West Cowes to raise money for Christian
Aid. Give a £5 donation or find sponsorship.
 Contact Jim Curtis (01983-526574).

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral,
High Street, Old Portsmouth (10am):
Diocesan healing day. Talk on 'Healing and
 wholeness in the context of eternity' from
 Beatrice Brandon, range of workshops,
 lunch and Eucharist for healing. Contact:
 the Rev Paul Kennedy (01730-264282).
SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson
Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet day.* Led by
 Sister Sonia May. Please bring a packed
 lunch. Drinks and tea will be available.
 Cost: £5. Please contact the Sisters if you
 wish to attend, on 023-9283 3498 or
 sss@sistersofbethany.org.uk

Sunday 8 May
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral,
High Street (6pm): *Evensong with the*
Britain/Australia Society.

Monday 9 May
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral,
High Street (10.30am): *Legal service.*

Monday 9 May -
Thursday 12 May
BORDON, Acorn Healing Centre,
Whitehill Chase: Tell Me Where It Hurts.
 Conference for those working in profes-
 sional healthcare. Led by Dr Andrew
 Fergusson and the Rev Dr Russ Parker.
 Contact: 01420-478121 or info@acornchris-
 tian.org. See: www.acornchristian.org

Tuesday 10 May
PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church, The
Square, (7.30pm): *Petersfield School*
showcase. Admission free. Retiring collec-
 tion.

tour

BARCELONA: Support the Rowans
 Hospice by booking a trip to Barcelona
 from November 3-6. Famous for
 Gaudi's architecture, the Barrio Gotic,
 cathedral and Picasso Museum, you will
 stay in a four-star hotel, with a half-day
 guided tour included. Flights from
 London Gatwick. Cost: £389, including a
 donation to the hospice.
 Book by sending a stamped
 addressed 9in x 4in envelope to Hospice
 Travel (BCN), Orchard Cottage, 34
 West Street, Southwick, PO17 6EA,
 ringing 023-9238 2433 or 01329-
 237890 or e-mailing: rowanstravel@
 yahoo.co.uk

FAREHAM FAITH FESTIVAL

As well as the special events listed below, there will also be stands, activities and resources available all week in Fareham Shopping Centre. Keith Dyde, a Church Army evangelist, will entertain shoppers with balloon-moulding, gospel magic and storyboards, and two festival tents will be stationed outside the shopping centre. There will also be taster Alpha courses each day from 12noon, and a youth cafe open until 9pm daily. For more information, see page 1 or consult the ecumenical Fareham website: www.farehamchurches.org.uk

Sunday 15 May
FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West
Street (6.30pm): *Churches Together in*
Fareham service for Pentecost. Preacher:
 Bishop Kenneth.

Friday 27 May
FAREHAM, Ferneham Hall, Osborn
Road (7.30pm): *Concert by London*
Community Gospel Choir. Tickets: £10
 (£8 concessions) on 01329-829121 or
 01329-318731.

Saturday 28 May
FAREHAM, Sacred Heart RC Church,
Portland Street (9am-6pm): *Open for*
refreshments and tours. Daily to June 5.
FAREHAM, St Columba's Church,
Hillson Drive (12noon): *Fareham FAITH*
Festival opening service and prayers.
 Includes an exhibition of artwork from
 local schools and the chance to see plans
 for the future of the church building.

FAREHAM, Fareham Shopping Centre
(9am-12noon): *Quiz and trail; (12noon-*
1.30pm): *Gig by Metamorphic.* Also daily
 from **May 30-June 3.**

STUBBINGTON, Holy Rood Church,
Gospport Road (7.30pm): *Jazz and*
Vespers. With the Tim Eyles Jazz Band.
 Tickets: £5, including nibbles and punch.
 Contact: 01329-662132 or 01329-
 661154.

Sunday 29 May
FAREHAM, grounds of Fareham
Leisure Centre (12.30pm): *Picnic and*
'It's A Knockout'. Family games.
FAREHAM Fareham Community
Church, West Street (7.30pm): *LIFE*
meeting.

Saturday 14 May
PORTSMOUTH, Springfield School,
Central Road, Drayton (9am): *Start of*
'2000 Minutes of Praise'. Praise and worship
 to fill 2,000 minutes until 6.30pm on
 May 15. See page 3 for details.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral,
High Street (7.30pm): *Portsmouth Prom -*
A Celebration of Life. Portsmouth Cathedral
 Choir and friends in concert in aid of the
 Rowans Hospice and cathedral music.
 Readings by Sophie Allisstone. Tickets:
 £10-£6 (children £1), available on 023-9282
 3300 or 023-9234 9430.

Sunday 15 May
PORTSMOUTH, Church of the
Ascension, Stubbington Avenue
(6.30pm): *Christian Aid Week service.*
 With Susan Barry, regional co-ordinator.
PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral House, St
Thomas's Street (7.15pm): *Pentecost*

unwanted items

EAST COWES: St James' Church has hymn books galore that it no longer needs. There are 200 copies of *Ancient and Modern Revised, Mission Praise - Book 1, and Hymns for Today* on offer. A small donation would be welcome. Contact the Rev Jonathan Hall on 01983-200107 for details.

announcements

Appointment:
The Rev Christopher Peak, vicar, St Martin's, Perry Common, and area dean (Birmingham diocese) to be priest-in-charge, Christ Church and St John's, Sandown. He will be licensed by the bishop on a date to be announced later.
The Rev James Hair, now community mental health chaplain in the Fareham and Gosport NHS Primary Care Trust with special responsibilities at Ravenswood House, Knowle. He will be licensed by the Archdeacon of Portsdown at 7pm on May 9 at St Mary's Church, Portchester.

The Rev Paul Smith, assistant curate, Holy Trinity, Prestwood and Great Hampden (Oxford diocese) to be priest-in-charge, St Alban's, West Leigh. He will be licensed by the bishop at 7.30pm on July 20.

Lay appointment:
Judith Swaine, now deanery pastoral assistant, Gosport deanery.

Retirement:
The Rev Arnold Hirst, rector, St Nicholas' Church, Wickham, with effect from July 31.

Tuesday 31 May
FAREHAM, St John's Church, Upper
St Michael's Grove and United
Reformed Church, Osborn Road South
(10am-12noon): *Kids' Clubs.* Games, stories, craft, drama and music for seven to 11-year-olds. Also on **June 1 & 2.**

FAREHAM, Methodist Church, Queens
Road (10am-4.30pm): *Holiday activities*
for seniors. Entertainment, craft, quizzes, competitions and lunch.
STUBBINGTON, Holy Rood Church,
Gospport Road (10am-4pm): *Crofton*
Village Arts and Craft Festival. Exhibition of local talent. Daily until **June 5.**

FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West
Street (1.30pm-5pm): *Music day.* Led by
 diocesan music adviser Rosemary Field.
 Contact: 01329-232688.

FAREHAM, Fareham Community
Church, West Street (2pm-4pm): *Dance*
expression. An afternoon of expressive
 dance for all ages. Contact: 01329-829121.
FAREHAM, Hill Park Working Mens'
Club, Highlands Road (7.30pm): *Jazz*
night. DB4 jazz quartet and magician John
 Archer will perform. Tickets: £9.50,
 including buffet meal, on 01329-829121.

Wednesday 1 June
FAREHAM, Fareham Shopping Centre
(11am): *Children's colouring competition.*
 The Mayor of Fareham will present prizes.

FAREHAM, various venues (11am-
4pm): *Start of 'Soul out of the Town'.*
 Youngsters tackle community projects.
 Also on **June 2, 3 & 4.**
FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West
Street (2pm-4.30pm): *Singalong for sen-*
iors. Includes refreshments. Contact:
 01329-232688.

Lecture. Krysla Butwilska and Paul
 McKeown, headteacher and deputy head at
 St Luke's C of E School, talk about educa-
 tion issues.
PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church, The
Square, (7.30pm): *The Non Silentium*
Choir. From St Peter's link parish in
 Sweden. Admission free. Retiring collection
 in aid of Christian Aid.

Tuesday 17 May
TOTLAND BAY, Christ Church, Alum
Bay New Road (7.30pm): *Organ recital.*
 Stephen Disley of Southwark Cathedral.
 Free admission. Retiring collection.

Saturday 21 May
MOTTISTONE, St Peter and St Paul
Church (10am-1pm): *Living churchyard*
day. Bring the family to discover secret
 wildlife. See page 2 for details.
SOUTHAMPTON, Holy Saviour

Thursday 2 June
FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West
Street (11.30am-2pm): *Flower arranging*
workshop.
FAREHAM, United Reformed Church,
Osborn Road South (7.30pm): *Staged*
drama reading. Outlines gospel message.

Friday 3 June
FAREHAM, Fareham Shopping Centre
(11am & 2pm): *Football skills workshop*
with Linvoy Primus.

Saturday 4 June
FAREHAM, Fareham Shopping Centre
(11am): *Gig in the town.* Chasing Stars
 and Replenish, plus DJ playing.
FAREHAM, St John's Church, Upper
St Michael's Grove (1.30pm-4.30pm):
Open Day. Includes bouncy castle, assault
 course, birds of prey, children's treasure
 hunt, story tent, local arts and more.

Sunday 5 June
FAREHAM, St Columba's Church,
Hillson Drive (10am): *Community praise.*
 Joint festival worship with St Columba
 and Holy Trinity. With the Ven Peter
 Hancock, Archdeacon of the Meon.
FAREHAM, Ferneham Hall, Osborn
Road (7.30pm): *Worship Together.* Final
 ecumenical celebration.

Sunday 19 June
FAREHAM, Ferneham Hall, Osborn
Road (7.30pm): *His Story.* Musical
 including songs by Ken Shearsmith, of
 Holy Rood, Stubbington. Featuring Lucy
 Stimpson-Maynard, the Mustard Seed
 Soul Band and Mustard Seed Girls' Choir.
 Tickets available on 01329-231942.

Church, Bitterne (1pm-4.30pm): *A*
Mission-shaped Church? All-age event run
 by CMS/Mid-Africa Ministry in which peo-
 ple will share experiences of mission in
 mid-Africa. Speakers include the Rt Rev
 Paul Butler. Contact: Jon Henderson (023-
 8055 5719) or Nick Fane (01684-573916).

LOCKS HEATH, St John the Baptist
Church, Church Road (6.30pm): *Musical*
evening. To mark the end of Christian Aid
 Week. Includes choir items, solo perform-
 ances, some with an African flavour.
 Refreshments, including a Fairtrade stall.

Tickets: £2.50 (students: £1). Retiring col-
 lection for Christian Aid.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral,
High Street (7.30pm): *Royal Star and*
Garter home concert.
DENMEAD, All Saints' Church,
Hambleton Road (7.30pm): *Choral cele-*
bration. Marking 125 years of All Saints'
 Church and Portsmouth Choral Union.
 Programme includes Fauré's *Requiem* and
 Handel's *Zadok the Priest.*

Sunday 22 May
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral,
High Street (11.15am): *City service.*
 Preacher: the Rt Rev David Conner, Dean
 of Windsor, Bishop of HM Forces and
 Domestic Chaplain to HM the Queen.

Thursday 26 May
COWPLAIN, St Wilfrid's Church,
Padnell Road (3.30pm-5.45pm): *Messy*
Church. Art and craft, food and worship for
 families. See page 12 for details.

Saturday 28 May
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral,
High Street (5pm): *Evensong with St*
John's Choir, The Graig.

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PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church, The
Square, (9am-5pm): *Petersfield Artists in*
Town (PainT) exhibition. Local artists
 exhibit their work. Admission free.

Saturday 28 May -
Monday 28 June
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral,
High Street (9am-6pm): *Royal Society of*
Marine Artists' exhibition.

Sunday 29 May
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral,
High Street (6pm): *Evensong with St*
John's Choir, The Graig. (8pm): *Taizé-*
style night prayer.

Monday 30 May
PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church, The
Square, (1pm): *Concert.* The Rother Piano
 Quartet play Mozart and Schumann.
 Admission free. Retiring collection.

● *Would you like your church's events for*
June 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 **May 9.**

situation vacant

DIocese: Would you like to play a part
 in mission in our diocese? The Diocesan
 Board of Mission requires an honorary
 treasurer, who will also manage the
 accounts of our Council for Social
 Responsibility. Ideally you will be a com-
 petent bookkeeper or a qualified account-
 ant. You may be retired or otherwise able
 to devote a few hours a week to this
 rewarding opportunity.

The accounts are computerised and
 the Diocesan Board of Finance, as agent
 of the board, prepares the payroll.
 Knowledge of charity law and accounting
 would be beneficial. A full list of respon-
 sibilities is available from Nick Ralph
 (023-9282 1137) or Dave Stickland
 (01730-827355), or phone either of them
 for an informal conversation about the
 post.

letter to the editor

Dear Sir,
 I read with considerable interest the
 article on 'Is chaplains' work a vision for
 the future?' (*Pompey Chimes*, February
 2005). I had a similar view some 20 or so
 years ago while I was a Reader in the
 London diocese.
 I understand something of a chap-
 lain's work, having been a Scout Chaplain
 for many years, and am at present chap-
 lain to an Air Training Squadron (Cadets)
 and help with another and a detached
 flight. As the headmaster of several
 schools, I had similar experiences and
 appreciate the value of both the work and
 the opportunities.
 Today chaplains are working in a fer-
 tile field of unknowing but enquiring
 minds. There are too many examples of

the establishments in which these opportu-
 nities can be found to list them, but if
 examined, the value of chaplains' work is
 clear.
 With the world developing a more
 scientific view of life, and the lack of
 basic religious teaching, it is evident that
 Christians need to take steps to educate
 the future generation and the chaplaincy
 system could very well be one of hte
 answers.
 The work carried out by a chaplain is
 not easily done, but when well done is
 very rewarding. We must seize every
 opportunity to encourage the growth of
 the Christian faith.
 Yours sincerely,
 Cecil Alexander (Reader), 5 Hurst Close,
 Hill Head, Fareham