

Friday 2 December

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9.15am): *Special needs carol service.*

Saturday 3 December

WATERLOOVILLE, St George's Church, St George's Walk (10am): *Christmas bazaar.* Stalls, sideshows, cakes, games, bric-a-brac, refreshments and Father Christmas.

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (10am): *St Wilfrid's Christmas market.*

LOCKS HEATH, St John the Baptist Church, Church Road (9am-1pm): *Christmas charity fayre.*

LOCKS HEATH shopping centre (10.30am): *Carols.* Sung by local church choirs, and a Christmas tableau by school-children; (12.30pm-4pm): *Entertainment with Keith Dyde of the Church Army.* Includes puppet theatre, gospel magic and clowning.

Sunday 4 December

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (3pm): *The News' Christingle service.*

PORTSMOUTH, Anchorage Lodge, Sywell Crescent, Anchorage Park (4pm): *Community Christingle service.*

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Guildhall (5pm): *The Reason for the Season.* Civic carol service for Portsmouth with the Salvation Army. Tickets: £4/£3; Under-16s: free. Contact: 023-9282 4355.

SOUTHSEA, The Pyramids Centre, the Seafont, Southsea (6.30pm): *Christmas Unwrapped.* Evangelistic carol concert with J John, organised by Portsmouth churches.

Tuesday 6 December

WOOTTON, St Mark's Church, Station Road (7.30pm): *Advent to Christmas.* Orpheus Singers present a seasonal concert with new and familiar music and carols. Tickets: £5 on 01983-866780.

Wednesday 7 December

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (4pm): *BBC Radio 3 live broadcast of Evensong.*

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (7.30pm): *Christmas tree festival service.*

PORTSMOUTH, St Luke's Church, Greatham Street (7.30pm): *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.* Performed by pupils from St Luke's School. Tickets: (023-9282 4204). Also on December 8 & 9.

Thursday 8 December

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (9.30am-4pm): *Christmas tree festival.* Church open, and charity soup lunch at noon.

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm): *Royal Marine School of Music concert.*

Thursday 8 December -

Sunday 11 December

BRIGHSTONE, St Mary's Church; the Methodist Church and Wilberforce Hall; and MOTTISTONE, St Peter and St Paul Church: *Brighstone Christmas tree festival.* See panel above for details.

Friday 9 December

NITON, Niton Primary School (6pm): *Lantern Parade.* Worshippers light up their village before service of light in church. See page 4 for details.

Saturday 10 December

PORTSMOUTH, St Agatha's Traditional Anglican Church, Market Way (12noon-6pm): *Make Poverty History gift market.* Crafts, gifts, cards, children's activities, refreshments and exhibition. Free.

PORTSMOUTH, All Saints' Church, Commercial Road (7.30pm): *Music for Christmas.* Portsmouth Baroque Choir with the Hampshire Recorder Sinfonia. Tickets: £8/£6 (children/students: £2), includes mulled wine/fruit juice and mince pies. Contact: 023-9225 7377.

BOTLEY, All Saints' Church, High

Festival shows off village's creativity

IT'S a chance to show off your creativity - and perhaps tell others something about the real meaning of Christmas.

The ninth annual Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival happens between December 8-11. Once again, individuals, schools and community organisations have decorated Christmas trees

in unique ways.

You can see them for yourself at four venues - St Mary's Church, the Wilberforce Hall and the Methodist Church in Brighstone, and St Peter and St Paul's Church in Mottistone.

The Methodist Church is also planning an exhibition on the theme of 'Incarnation'.

Street (7.30pm): *Christmas concert.* Botley Choral Society present 'Carols for all the family' with Solent Area Salvation Army Band. Tickets: £7/£5 (under 16s: £3), at the door or on 01489-891826.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Christmas concert.* With Portsmouth Cathedral Choir, Portsmouth Youth Choir and Portsmouth Youth Orchestra.

Sunday 11 December

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (2.30pm): *BBC Radio Solent carol service.* Ticket-only event.

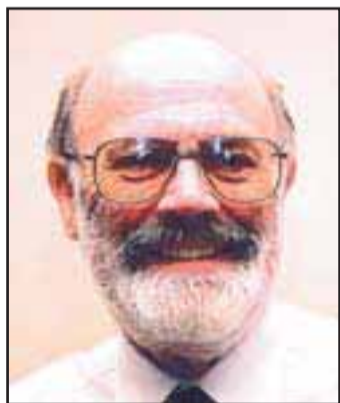
PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Landport (3pm): *Carols and nativity play.*

Monday 12 December

HORNDEAN, Barton Hall, Horndean Community School, Barton Cross (7.30pm): *Christmas Unwrapped.* Evangelistic carol concert with J John, organised by Waterlooville churches.

Tuesday 13 December

YARMOUTH, St James' Church, The Square (7.30pm): *Advent to Christmas.* Orpheus Singers present seasonal concert of new and familiar music and carols.



Dr Hugh Mason (see 'announcements')

Thursday 15 December

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Light up a life.* Naomi House Children's Hospice carol service.

Friday 16 December

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon): *Portsmouth Housing Association carol service and hand-in of vouchers.* See page 3 for details.

SOUTHSEA, St Peter's Church, Somers Road (7.30pm): *Clarinet and piano recital.* Featuring Robert Blanken (clarinet) and Karen Kingsley (piano).

PORTSMOUTH, Church of the Resurrection, Penrhyn Avenue, Drayton (7pm): *Hark the Herald Angels Sing.* All your favourite hymns played in foot-stomping jazz style, with the Old Thumper jazz band, led by Chris Walker of BBC Radio Solent. Tickets: £6 from christmasconcert@hotmail.com or 023-9237 5145.

Friday 16 December -

Tuesday 20 December

GUILDFORD, Wintershall Estate, Bramley (4.45pm and 7.30pm): *The Wintershall Nativity Play.* Ninety-minute performance of the Nativity story in the

grounds of a country estate. Tickets: £12 (children: £6). See www.wintershall-estate.com or ring 01483-892167 for details.

Saturday 17 December

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet day.* Led by the Rev Dr J Preston. Bring packed lunch, drinks and tea provided. Cost: £5. Let the Sisters know on 023-9283 3498 or ssb@sis tersofbethany.org.uk if you want to attend.

FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West Street (5.30pm and 8pm): *A Candlelight Christmas.* Carol concert performed by the Fareham Philharmonic Choir, with music from Britten, Rutter, Taverner and newly-commissioned piece by Humphrey Clucas, plus carols for the audience to sing. Tickets £6/£5/£2 on the door or on 01329-664948.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Concert and carols.* Portsmouth Festival Choir play Britten, Rutter, and carols for choir and audience. Features Laurette Pope (harp), Michael Stoddart (organ) and David Truslove (conductor). Tickets: £12/£10 from Mike Bement on 01243-371527.

SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church (7.30pm): *Sheila Norris in concert.* Admission free. All donations to leukaemia research. For details, see: www.sheila norris.com

Sunday 18 December

PORTSMOUTH, St Margaret's Church, Highland Road, Eastney (3.30pm): *Nine lessons and carols.* Followed by tea and mince pies in the parish centre.

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (6.30pm): *Traditional carol service of nine lessons and carols.*

SOUTHSEA, St Jude's Church, Kent Road, Southsea (6.30pm): *Carol service.*

PORTSMOUTH, The Winchester Arms, North End (8.30pm): *Carols and Christmas hits.* With St Mark's choir and '6 feet 4 11 and a half' singing duo. See page 12 for details.

Thursday 22 December

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Cathedral carol service I.* Festival of lessons and carols with the cathedral choir.

tours

HOLY LAND: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land takes place from April 18-26. Five days in Jerusalem, followed by three in Tiberias. Cost: £980. Three-day extension trip to Jordan, including Petra. Extra cost: £355.

Brochure from the Rev Richard Thomas, 16, Brent Court, Emsworth, PO10 7JA. (01243-430613).

IBERIAN PENINSULA: Fundraising cruise to raise money for the Rowans Hospice on the Artemis. The Iberian Adventure happens from September 16-23, visiting Lisbon, La Rochelle and Brest (plus option to visit Santiago de Compostela and the Shrine of St James in Vigo).

Offer only available until December 24. Ring 07940-805431, 01329-237890 or 023-9238 2433 or e-mail rowanstravel@yahoo.co.uk for details.

People have brought nativity sets from around the world to help illustrate the fact that Christ was born for people of all races and cultures.

Hundreds of people from across the island are expected to see the displays. For more information, contact the Rev Tim Eady on 01983-740267.

Friday 23 December

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Cathedral carol service II.* Festival of lessons and carols with the cathedral choir.

Christmas Eve

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (3pm): *Children's crib service I;* (4.30pm): *Children's crib service II;* (11.30pm): *Midnight Eucharist.*

PORTSMOUTH, St Margaret's Church, Highland Road, Eastney (4pm): *Crib and Christingle service;* (11.30pm): *Christmas mass.*

NITON, St John the Baptist Church (5pm): *Crib service.* With real lambs. See page 4 for details.

Christmas Day

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (8am): *Holy Communion;* (9.30am): *Parish Eucharist;* (11.15am): *Sung Eucharist;* (4pm): *Said Evening Prayer.*

PORTSMOUTH, St Margaret's Church, Highland Road (8am): *Communion;* (10.30am): *Sung Eucharist.*

Wednesday 28 December

NITON, St John the Baptist Church (6.30pm): *Parish carol service.*

New Year's Day

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): *Joint Eucharist;* (5pm): *Lessons and carols with the parish choir;* (7pm): *Taizé-style night prayer.*

Friday 6 January

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Sung Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany.*

Saturday 7 January

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Come and Sing.* Join members of Portsmouth Choral Union in informal concert of opera choruses, conducted by Jonathan Willcocks. Rehearsal at 7.30pm, refreshments at 8.30pm, performance at 9pm. Tickets: £5 (singers), £3 (audience). Contact: 023-9246 1802.

Sunday 8 January

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Epiphany carol service.*

Saturday 14 January

WICKHAM, St Nicholas's Church (3.30pm): *Come and sing choral classics.* Rehearsals from 4pm; refreshments at 6.15pm; public performance at 7pm. Singers: £6; audience: £4, including wine. Contact: Sue Fitzgerald (01329-833609 or fitzged@aol.com)

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *USPG Big Curry Party.* Evening to raise awareness about the work of mission agency USPG in southern India. Contact: 023-9282 3300 for details.

Wednesday 18 January

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (2.30pm): *Week of prayer for Christian Unity service.* Followed by tea. Let the Sisters know on 023-9283 3498 or ssb@sis tersofbethany.org.uk if you want to attend.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Concert.* Music in the Round - Prazak.

Saturday 21 January

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet day.* Led by Christian author Joyce Huggett. Bring a packed lunch, drinks and tea provided. Cost: £5. Let the Sisters know on ssb@sis tersofbethany.org.uk or 023-9283 3498 if you want to attend.

Friday 27 January

SOUTHSEA, St Peter's Church, Somers Road (7.30pm): *Flute, clarinet and piano recital.* Featuring Catherine Nicholason (flute), Robert Blanken (clarinet) and Karen Kingsley (piano).

● *Would you like your church's events for February listed here and on our website? Send details to: Pompey Chimes, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street, Portsmouth, or communications@portsmouth.anglican.org by January 9.*

announcements

Appointments:

The Rev Phil Goodey, team rector of the Hartland Coast Ministry (Exeter diocese) to be rector, All Saints', Botley, St Peter's, Curdridge, and Holy Cross, Durley. He will be instituted on January 6.

Lay canons:

Professor John Craven, Brian

Hargreaves and Dr Hugh Mason, will be installed as lay canons of the cathedral by the dean during Evensong on January 22.

Retirement:

The Rev Doreen Jackson, NSM assistant curate, Holy Trinity with St Columba, Fareham.

situation vacant



This job has been created by the inner-city Portsmouth cluster relinquishing a clergy post as part of its Kairos plans

INNER-CITY PORTSMOUTH: The Portsmouth Diocesan Board of Finance is seeking an administrator to support the parishes of St Mary's, All Saints and St George's in inner-city Portsmouth. The successful candidate will have a mature and flexible approach to their work, have the ability to adapt to differing situations and take pride in providing a helpful and informative service.

Excellent word processing skills are required, together with a working knowledge of Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel, Publisher and PowerPoint.

The person will be able to work as an effective member of a team, liaise with people at all levels and demonstrate good organisational and administrative skills.

We offer a salary up to £15,189 depending on experience for a 35-hour week and a non-contributory final salary pension. Job description and application form from: Rebecca Williams (023-9282 5731 or cs@portsmouth.anglican.org), Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street, Portsmouth, PO1 2HA. Completed applications to be received by December 20. We are an Equal Opportunities Employer.