

**Friday 30 March**

**WARSASH, St Mary's Church (7.30pm):** *Concert by the Augmented Church Choir.* Includes Fauré's *Requiem*, Dvorak's *Mass in D*. Admission free, retiring collection.  
**SOUTHWICK, St James-without-the-Priory-Gate Church (8pm):** *Ashton Singers in concert.* Tickets: £6 on door.

**Saturday 31 March**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (5pm):** *Old Indefatigables service.*  
**RYDE, All Saints Church (7pm):** *Music for Holy Week.* Orpheus Singers with the Consort of Twelve present *Stabat Mater* by D' Astorga, Vivaldi's *Gloria in D* and music by Bach, Handel and Zelenka. Tickets: £8 (students: £3) at the door.  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm):** *Portsmouth Choral Union in concert.* Includes Beethoven's *Mass in C* and Raminsh's *Magnificat*, plus Mozart's *Exultate* and the overture to *The Magic Flute*. Conductor: Jonathan Willcocks, with Southern Pro Musica. Tickets: £10 (concs available), on 023-9282 2227.  
**FAREHAM, Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road (7.30pm):** *Havant Symphony Orchestra in concert.* Piano soloist: Philip Martin. Includes music by Balakirev, Smetana, Liszt and Sibelius. Tickets: £6, available on 01329-231942.

**Palm Sunday**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (9.30am):** *Palm procession.* Walk through the streets with a brass band and singing to remember the journey Jesus made into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday. Followed by parish mass at St Mary's Church, Fratton Road.  
**TITCHFIELD, St Peter's Church (9.45am):** *Procession with palms from community centre car park to Parish Communion at 10am.*  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am):** *Joint Eucharist.* Starting at the Garrison Church with procession of palms; **(6pm):** *Stainer's Crucifixion.*  
**GOSPORT, St Thomas's Church, Elson Road (6pm-7pm):** *Blesséd.* See panel above for details.

**Monday 2 April - Wednesday 4 April**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm):** *Mass and reflection.* 'A love that shows, a faith that shows', led by bishop's chaplain the Rev Alex Hughes. Continues on **Tuesday** at St Wilfrid's Church, George Street and on **Wednesday** at St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (8.30pm):** *Compline.* With address by assistant spirituality adviser the Rev Barbara Mosse.

**Maundy Thursday**

**YARMOUTH, Town Hall (10am-3pm):** *Monthly fundraising sale.* Organised by Holy Spirit Church, Newtown. Bric-a-brac, books, plants on sale. Donations welcome.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11am):** *Diocesan Chrism Eucharist; (7pm): Eucharist of the Last Supper.* Preacher: the Rev Barbara Mosse; **(8pm):** *Watch of the Passion.*  
**TITCHFIELD, St Peter's Church (7.30pm):** *Holy Communion with foot-washing.* Followed by Vigil to midnight.  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, and St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street (7.30pm-midnight):** *Eucharist of the Last Supper and vigil until midnight.* Remember Jesus' Last Supper, then recall how he invited his disciples to 'watch and pray' in the Garden of Gethsemane. Come to 'watch and pray' anytime between 9pm and midnight.

Alternative way to start to Holy Week

FANCY an alternative way to kick off your Holy Week this year?

St Thomas the Apostle Church in Elson Road, Gosport, will host a multi-media alternative worship event on the evening of Palm Sunday. The 'Blesséd' service takes place at 6pm on April 1.

Blesséd services involve contemplative worship using videos, images and symbols

and bold liturgy. They have been held in Church of the Holy Spirit, Southsea, St Peter's, Petersfield, and St Mark's, Wootton, over the past few years.

The vicar, the Rev Simon Rundell, said: "As an alternative wor-



ship experience, it appeals especially to young adults, and those who want a challenging, immersive experience in a contemplative setting using multi-media and multi-sensory worship."

For more information about the event, see [www.blessed.org.uk](http://www.blessed.org.uk)

**Good Friday**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10am):** *Children's informal Holy Week service; (12noon):* *Readings and reflections for Good Friday.* Led by the Rev Barbara Mosse. **(2pm):** *Good Friday Liturgy of the Cross.*  
**TITCHFIELD, St Peter's Church (10am):** *All-age service.* Followed by hot-cross buns; **(12noon):** *Walk from Titchfield Haven to St Peter's, with meditations on stations of the cross.*  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon):** *Good Friday service led by young people and children; (1pm):* *Reflections on the Cross; (2pm):* *Liturgy of the Cross.* (Also at St Wilfrid's, George Street and St Faith's, Landport); **(7pm):** *Stainer's Crucifixion.*

**Saturday 7 April**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm):** *Vigil at Garrison church and procession to cathedral for: (8pm):* *Baptism and confirmation, and first Eucharist of Easter.*  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, and St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street (8.30pm):** *Vigil and first mass of Easter.*

**Easter Sunday**

**TITCHFIELD, St Peter's Church (6am):** *Dawn Eucharist.* Followed by breakfast in the chapter rooms; **(8am):** *BCP Holy Communion; (10am):* *Parish Communion.*  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (8am):** *Holy Communion (BCP) (9.30am):* *Parish Eucharist.* Followed by Easter egg hunt; **(11.15am):** *Festal Sung Eucharist.* Followed by Easter egg hunt; **(6pm):** *Festal Evensong.*  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (8am):** *BCP Communion service; (10am):* *Easter Sunday service; (4pm):* *Parish Choral Evensong.* Sung by the combined choirs of the three churches in the parish.  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church,**

**George Street and St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (9.30am):** *Easter Sunday services.*  
**WHITELEY, Community centre (6.30pm):** *Ecumenical celebration.* For all churches in western wards of Fareham.

**Thursday 12 April**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (12noon):** *Charity lunch.*

**Saturday 14 April**

**SOUTHSEA, Havana Club, Kent Road (11am-4.30pm):** *Climate change awareness day.* Organised by Portsmouth Climate Action Network. Demonstrations, talks, music and stalls; **(4.30pm-6.30pm):** *Barbecue.* Includes vegetarian and vegan options; **(7pm-1am):** *Music night.* With Body Gurn, Goffman and Caminos, plus live DJ. Tickets: £5.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11am):** *Costume exhibition of clothes from Victorian time to the 1970s; (2.30pm):* *Costume parade, with tea.* See page 4 for details.  
**SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (2.30pm):** *Easter carols.* Followed by tea. Please let the Sisters know if you want to come, on 023-9283 3498 or [ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk](mailto:ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk).  
**GOSPORT, Holy Trinity Church (7.30pm):** *Concert.* The Madding Crowd, play music from the village bands and quires of the 17th century to the 19th century. Tickets: £7 (£6 concs).

**Sunday 15 April**

**PORTSMOUTH, All Saints Church, Commercial Road (3pm):** *Service for people with special needs.* Followed by tea. For details, contact the Rev Mary Tillman on 023-9286 5488.  
**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (4pm):** *Music concert.* Free admission, retiring collection in aid of St Mary's Music Foundation.

**Wednesday 18 April**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7pm):** *Choral*

*meditation.* Music by the St Mary's choir.

**Saturday 21 April**

**SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm):** *Quiet day.* Conducted by Sister Ann Patricia SSB. Please bring packed lunch, drinks and tea provided. Cost: £5. Please let the Sisters know if you want to come, on [ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk](mailto:ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk) or 023-9283 3498.  
**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10am):** *Diocesan spirituality day.* See page 7 for details.  
**FAREHAM, Ferneham Hall (7.30pm):** *Edward Elgar's 'Light of Life' and 'From the Bavarian Highlands'.* Performed by the Fareham Philharmonic Choir, soloists and orchestra. Tickets: £11.50/£9 (under-16s: £2), available on 01329-318731 or 01329-664948.

**Tuesday 24 April**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm):** *Music in the Round - Ensemble 360.*

**Wednesday 25 April**

**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7pm):** *Choral Evensong.* Music by the St Mary's choir.

**Thursday 26 April**

**SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10.15am):** *Julian meeting.* Ecumenical group practising silent, contemplative prayer.

**Saturday 28 April**

**COWES, Cowes Baptist Church, Victoria Road (10am-4pm):** *Day seminar for those involved in working with children.* Led by author Andy Back and aimed at leaders, helpers, parents and those interested in children's work. Free of charge, but donations accepted. Please bring a packed lunch. Contact: Joanne Turner (01983-296309).

**CATHERINGTON, All Saints Church, Catherington Lane (7pm):** *Resurrection Rock.* Musical by Sheila Wilson presented by young musicians and actors from Horndean Junior School. Tickets: £6 in advance, £7 on the door. Under 16s: £2. Ring 023-9242 0984 for details.

**PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church (7.30pm):** *Concert.* With Liz Le Grove (organ) and Paul Hart (trumpet). Varied programme of music, to include works by back, Charpentier and Mendelssohn. Tickets: £9, from One Tree Books, Lavant Street, Petersfield.

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm):** *Portsmouth Grammar School orchestral and choral concert.*

**PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm):** *Solent Male Voice Choir in concert.*

**SOUTHAMPTON, Guildhall (7.30pm):** *The Dream of Gerontius.* Performed by Southampton Philharmonic Choir. Part of 150th anniversary celebrations of Elgar's birth. Tickets: £7.50-£16, available on 023-8063 2601.

**Sunday 29 April**

**PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am):** *Sung Eucharist.* Followed by annual parochial church meeting.

**Wednesday 2 May**

**HAVANT, Havant United Reformed Church (7.30pm-9.30pm):** *Images of Mary Magdalene.* Presentation of images and talk by Carole Wynn in aid of Havant URC building fund. Minimum donation: £2.50. Contact: 023-9242 1448 or [carole.wynn@ntlworld.com](mailto:carole.wynn@ntlworld.com)

**Friday 4 May - Monday 7 May**

**SHANKLIN, St Blasius Church, Church Road (10am-4pm):** *Spring flower festival.* Theme: 'Gifts From God'. Includes display of flowers and crafts, plus refreshments and tombola. Proceeds towards church's organ fund. **(Saturday, 7.30pm):** *Concert.* With the Ventnor Voices. Tickets, £3, available on 01983-862407.

**Saturday 5 May**

**BLACKGANG, Blackgang Viewpoint (9am):** *Walk from the Wild Side.* Sponsored walk to West Cowes for Christian Aid. See page 7 for details.

● *Would you like your church's events for May listed here and on our website? Send details to: Pompey Chimes, Diocese of Portsmouth, First Floor, Peninsular House, Wharf Road, Portsmouth, PO2 8HB or to [neil.pugmire@portsmouth.anglican.org](mailto:neil.pugmire@portsmouth.anglican.org) by April 9.*

announcements

**Appointments:**

**The Rev Andy Davis,** rector Bishop's Waltham and Upham, to be vicar of Holy Trinity and Christ Church, Gosport. Date of collation to be confirmed.

**The Rev Charlotte Allen,** assistant curate, St Michael and All Angels, Southwick, and vocations consultant (Chichester diocese) to be vicar of St Mary's, Portchester.

**Adam Court,** formerly project worker in North End coffee bar project, Portsmouth, was appointed as youth project development worker within the Portsmouth deanery (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) from March 19.

**Mary Makin,** treasurer, St Peter's Church, Hayling Island, was appointed as diocesan parish finance adviser from February 28.

**Retirement:**

**The Rev Sylvia Martin,** chaplain, Fareham College and assistant curate, Holy Trinity with St Columba, Fareham, to retire after Easter.

**Date:**

**The Revd Rosemary Donald** will be licensed as priest-in-charge of the united benefice of Blendworth with Chalton with Idsworth on April 4 by the Ven Trevor Reader.

situation vacant

**PORTSMOUTH/GOSPORT:** Volunteers are needed to help with the drop-in groups for asylum seekers and refugees run by Haslar Visitors' Group. They take place at All Saints Church, Commercial Road, from 10am-1pm on Mondays and Thursdays. Volunteers are also needed to visit

men detained in Haslar Immigration Removal Centre in Gosport. This happens during normal visiting hours. Please contact Haslar Visitors Group co-ordinator Michael Woolley on 023-9283 9222 or see the website on [www.haslarvisitors.org.uk](http://www.haslarvisitors.org.uk) for more information.

letter to the editor

Dear Neil,  
 May I use the *Pompey Chimes* to say 'thank you' to everyone in the parishes of Portsmouth diocese who has sent me good wishes for my retirement? I have received an extraordinary number of cards and messages, and whilst I have tried to respond to as many as I can, I know that there are some that I have missed.

I have always greatly valued the friendship of those in our parishes, and your good wishes mean a great deal to me. So, thank you to everyone for your messages, and for the support you gave me whilst I was working in the diocese.  
 With every good wish,  
 Gordon Uphill  
 Former diocesan parish resources adviser