

**Tuesday 1 May**

PORTSMOUTH, Third Floor, Central Library (8pm): *Election hustings*. Organised by Portsmouth Climate Action Network. See page 16 for details.

**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

**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, via Whitwell, Godshill, Merstone and Newport. Ring 01983-526574 for details.  
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10am-1pm): *Prayer workshop*. Diocesan spirituality adviser the Rev Peter Lippiett introduces some 'hands-on' explorations in prayer. Cost: £4.50. Contact: the Rev Peter Lippiett (023-9282 6120 or peter.lippiett@portsmouth.anglican.org).  
PURBROOK, St John's church hall, London Road (10am): *Tabletop sale*. To book a table (£5), contact Eve Mountain (023-9226 3540).

**Saturday 5 May -**

**Friday 18 May**

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9am-6pm): *Christian Aid tsunami exhibition*.

**Monday 7 May**

GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin, Rowner Lane, Rowner (11am-2pm): *May fayre*.  
HAWKLEY, St Peter and St Paul's Church (2pm): *Circular walk and cream tea*. Chance to see cowslips in full bloom. Cost: £5, including tea. All proceeds to Hawkley and Priors Dean Church Repair Fund. Contact: 01730-827502.

**Tuesday 8 May**

GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin, Rowner Lane, Rowner (7.15pm-9.15pm): *Taster spirituality course*. A chance to explore some new ways to listen to God as a taster of a year-long course starting in September. Continues on May 15 & 22. Cost: £15 for all three evenings. Contact: the Rev Peter Lippiett (023-9282 6120).

**Wednesday 9 May**

GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin, Rowner Lane, Rowner (7.30pm): *Julian Meeting*. Ecumenical group of contemplative prayer. Details: 023-9258 1834.  
DENMEAD, All Saints' Church, Hambledon Road (7.15pm-9.15pm): *Taster spirituality course*. A chance to explore some new ways to listen to God as a taster of a year-long course starting in September. Continues on May 16 & 23. Cost: £15 for all three evenings. Contact: the Rev Peter Lippiett (023-9282 6120).

**Thursday 10 May -**

**Saturday 12 May**

PETERSFIELD, The Petersfield School, Cranford Road (7.30pm): *Pageant*. See panel above for details.

Pageant to highlight Petersfield's dramatic history



Jill Hancock

SIX hundred years of Petersfield's history will be re-enacted on stage this month.

*A Pageant for Petersfield* will be performed at 7.30pm on May 9, 10 and 11 at The Petersfield School. It was written by Jill Hancock, PCC secretary for St Peter's Church, who also chairs the town's Lion and Unicorn Players.

The play was first performed last summer as part of the Petersfield Artists in Town

(PAINT) Week, with support from local historians Mary Ray and Judy Stephens.

Now, with help from David Jeffrey's book on the town, it's been extended into a full-length presentation detailing Petersfield life from 1396 to the present day.

It includes scenes from the Elizabethan era and the English Civil War, which explains how Petersfield hosted the earliest court martial on record in 1644.

We also meet the Jolliffe fami-

ly who came to prominence in the 18th century and local cricketer John Small.

There's drama from the 20th century in the form of the suffragette movement, and from the present day too.

Tickets, priced at £7 (£6 concessions) are now on sale at One Tree Books, Lavant Road, Petersfield, and can also be reserved by contacting Vivienne Coleshill on 01730-821491 or vivienne.coleshill@btinternet.com

**Thursday 10 May**

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am): *Julian meeting*. Meditation in chapel from 10.15am-11.15am, followed by coffee. Also on May 24.

RYDE, Old Post Office, Union Road (7.15pm-9.15pm): *Taster spirituality course*. A chance to explore some new ways to listen to God as a taster of a year-long course starting in September. Continues on May 17 & 24. Cost: £15 for all three evenings. Contact: the Rev Peter Lippiett (023-9282 6120).

**Friday 11 May**

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm): *Trade justice wine-tasting*. Tickets: £6 from the cathedral shop.  
DENMEAD, All Saints Church, Hambledon Road (7.30pm): *Portsmouth Citadel Band in concert*. Tickets: £7, including wine and finger buffet, available on 023-9224 1161 or 023-9226 6159.

**Saturday 12 May**

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.20am-2.45pm): *Celebration of Healing and Wholeness*. Led by Prebendary Peter Speck. See page 5 for details.  
GOSPORT, St Mary the Virgin, Rowner Lane, Rowner (7.30pm): *Recital of opera and popular song*. By Jennifer Parker-Lummis. Tickets on the door.  
PURBROOK, St John's church hall, London Road (7.30pm): *African evening*. Music, entertainment and hot supper. Tickets: £3. Contact: Eve Mountain (023-9226 3540).  
YARMOUTH, St James' Church (7.30pm): *Concert by the Ytinerant Singers*. Includes music by Brahms, Fauré and Victoria and French horn solo. Admission free, retiring collection for the Mission to Seafarers.

**Sunday 13 May**

RYDE, Easthill Home for the Deaf (11am): *Regular signed service for the deaf*. Contact the chaplain, the Rev Robert Sanday on 023-8026 5897 (phone and minicom).  
WICKHAM, St Nicholas' Church (2pm): *Deanery sponsored walk for Christian Aid*. Join the 10-mile circular walk or a shorter walk of 4-5 miles. Contact: Hugh Spendlove (01489-893574).  
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (3pm): *United Service*. Celebrate the work we do together to help social justice across denominational boundaries. Preacher: Matthew Reed, director of church and community, Christian Aid. Organised by Churches Together in Hampshire and the Islands; (6pm): *Evensong with Britain-Australia Society*.

**Monday 14 May -**

**Friday 1 June**

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9am-6pm):

*Sculpture exhibition*. 'Odyssey' by Robert Koenig of Monumental Carved Wooden Figures.

**Monday 14 May**

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): *Service for the legal profession*.  
WARSASH, St Mary's church hall lounge (7.15pm): *Alpha course*. Chance to explore questions of faith after a simple meal together. Continues on Monday evenings until July 16 and away-day on June 9. Details: 01489-572324.

**Wednesday 16 May**

WOOTTON, St Mark's Church (7pm): *Open door retreat*. Nine-week spiritual journey to give you chance to recharge your spiritual batteries. Contact: the Rev Kath Abbott (01983-882213).  
PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church (7.30pm): *The Petersfield School showcase*. Students will showcase an evening of music for all tastes. Admission free, retiring collection.

**Thursday 17 May**

PORTSMOUTH, Spinnaker Tower, Gunwharf Quays (8.30am): *Ascension Day service*. With Portsmouth Cathedral Choir.  
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day*. Sung by Cantate, Portsmouth Cathedral's youth choir.

**Friday 18 May -**

**Sunday 20 May**

BORDON, Acorn Christian Healing Foundation, Whitehill Chase: *Silent retreat with individual guidance*. An Ignatian approach to listening to God. Cost: £135. Details on www.acornchristian.org

**Friday 18 May**

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm): *Pilgrimage from Granada to Santiago*. Talk, with tapas and refreshments. Tickets: £7.50, from cathedral shop. In aid of cathedral redevelopment appeal.  
WARSASH, St Mary's Church (7.30pm): *Trumpet and organ recital*. With Paul Hart and Elizabeth LeGrove. Cheese and Fairtrade wine and juice. Proceeds to church organ fund.

**Saturday 19 May**

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10am-4pm): *Diocesan spirituality day*. 'The Dark Night of the Soul' led by assistant spirituality adviser the Rev Barbara Mosse. Includes poetry, music and shared silent prayer. Cost: £7.50. Contact: Peter Lippiett (023-9282 6120).  
SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet day*. Led by the Rev Bruce Carpenter. Cost: £5. Please let the Sisters know if you want to attend on 023-9283 3498 or ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk.

PORTSMOUTH, St George's Church, St George's Square, Portsea (5pm-6.30pm): *Sharing the Journey*. Last in series of informal sessions for spiritual seekers. 'Nothing is quite what you expect - the personal journey of a Roman Catholic priest' by Derek Reeve. See www.sharingthejourney.info for details.

LEE-ON-SOLENT, St Faith's Church, Victoria Square (7.30pm): *The Armed Man: A Mass For Peace*. Lee Singers present Karl Jenkins' work. Tickets: £6/£5, available on 023-9235 8974 or tickets@leesingers.co.uk.

PRIVETT, Holy Trinity Church (7.30pm): *Concert by the Froxfield Choir and Stanford Ensemble*. Includes Mozart's *Great Mass in C Minor*. Proceeds to the Treloar Trust which works with physically disabled young people. Tickets: £12/£15, available from One Tree Books in Petersfield.

FAREHAM, Ferneham Hall (7.30pm): *Concert by Havant Chamber Orchestra*. Includes music by Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert. Pre-concert talk at 6.30pm. Tickets (£6-£16) available on 01329-231942.

**Sunday 20 May**

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11.15am): *City service*; (6pm): *Evensong with Wesley Tercentenary Celebration*.

**Monday 21 May**

PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church (1pm): *Churche's College lunchtime recital*. Bring your own lunch, coffee on sale. Admission free, retiring collection.

**Tuesday 22 May**

TOTLAND BAY, Christ Church (7.30pm): *Carlo Curley in concert*. Organ extravaganza by the world-famous virtuoso, with video screens. Tickets: £8 (nave) and £6 (chancel and side-chapel), available on 01983-755721  
SOUTHSEA, Katarin's, 17 Albert Road (8pm): *Discussion*. 'Climate Change: Who's Responsible?'. Organised by Portsmouth Climate Action Network. See page 16 for details.

**Wednesday 23 May**

WATERLOOVILLE, 3 Angelica Court, Jasmine Grove (8pm-9pm): *Prayer meeting for the persecuted church*. Now meets regularly on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Contact: Christine Pylee

(023-9236 2086).

**Friday 25 May**

COWES, Royal Yacht Squadron Pavilion (7pm for 7.30pm): *Fundraising dinner*. Tickets: £30 (£25 each for tables of eight or 10). Applications to: Mrs Tineke Rock, 14 Battery Road, Cowes, PO31 8DP. Cheques payable to 'Holy Trinity Church'.  
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Music in the Round - Cropper/Welsh/Rosco trio*.

**Saturday 26 May**

WATERLOOVILLE, Wecock Church, Kite Close (7.30pm): *Larry Norman in concert*. The veteran Christian rocker's only UK date as part of a spring tour that also takes in USA, Switzerland and Germany. Tickets: Matt Simmons on msbltd@aol.com or 07810-200319.

**Sunday 27 May**

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (8pm): *Taizé-style night prayer*.

**Friday 1 June**

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth RC Cathedral, Edinburgh Road (7.30pm-10pm): *Prayer vigil for G8 meeting*.

**Saturday 9 June**

PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral Green, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (12noon-4.30pm): *Summer fete*. Activities and refreshments. Entrance free.  
CURDRIDGE, Whitehouse Cottage (7.30pm-midnight): *Pimms and Posh Frocks party on the patio*. Dance the night away to a live function band. A repeat of last year's successful event, in aid of Friends of All Saints Church, Botley. Tickets: £15/£20, available on 01489-786185 or 01489-782445.  
SOUTHSEA, St Simon's Church, Waverley Road (7.45pm): *Concert in aid of Street Pastors*. Featuring the Hampshire Guitar Orchestra. Tickets: £6, including wine/refreshments.

● *Would you like your church's events for June 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 by May 7.*

letter to the editor

Dear Sir,

I would like to raise people's awareness of the animal testing policy of one of the largest companies on the planet - Procter and Gamble. Famous brands such as Fairy, Ariel, Bold, Olay, Head & Shoulders, Gillette, Pringle's crisps and IAMS/Eukanuba pet food are made by a company that conducts cruel and utterly unnecessary experiments on defenceless

animals for the sake of 'whiter white' and 'younger-looking skin.'

Please visit the anti-vivisection organisation Uncaged's website for a comprehensive list of their products, and details of their 11th annual Global Boycott Procter and Gamble Day - www.boycottpandg.co.uk.

Helena Youle, Blenheim Gardens, Havant