Friday 1 June

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

Sunday 3 June -Sunday 10 June

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9.30am-**5.30pm):** Exhibition: 'Slavery Today'.

Sunday 3 June

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11.15am): D-Day and Normandy Fellowship Service; (7pm): Pentecost Lecture. 'Set in stone: London statues and the abolition of the slave trade' by Dr Madge Dresser.

Tuesday 5 June

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10am): Free For All. Anti-slavery drama workshop and production for schools. (1.45pm): Public performance of Free For All. Staged by the schools and Big Intent Theatre Company. Day repeated on June 7; (7pm): Lecture. 'Reflections from Cape Coast: Church, Slavery and Ghana, yesterday and today' by Canon Terry Louden.

Saturday 9 June

DENMEAD, All Saints Church (11am): Church of England Flower Arrangers Association AGM. See page 5 for details. PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral Green, High Street (12noon-4.30pm): Cathedral summer fete. Activities and refreshments. Entrance free.

WICKHAM, Beverley, Southwick Road (12.30pm): St Nicholas Church and Wickham village fete. Includes stalls, grand draw, games and amusements, refreshments and entertainment.

PORTSMOUTH, St George's Church, St George's Square (5pm-6.30pm): Contemplating Prayer. A hands-on session about prayer, led by Marilyn Voice, trainee lay minister. Part of 'Sharing the Journey', a series of informal sessions for spiritual seekers. For more information,

see: www.sharingthejourney.info
CATHERINGTON, All Saints Church, Catherington Lane (7pm): Concert by the Band of the Royal Marines School of Music. Proceeds to help maintain church. Tickets: £10 (adult), £5 (under-16s), available from Margaret Roberts on 023-9242 0984 or marg@retroroberts.co.uk

CURDRIDGE, Whitehouse Cottage (7.30pm-midnight): Pimms and Posh Frocks party on the patio. Dance the night away to a live function band. 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

Sunday 10 June

WIDLEY, Christ Church, Widley Road, (10.30am): D-Day commemoration service. See page 5 for details. PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): Evensong with cathedral volunteers attending.

Thursday 14 June

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am): Julian meeting. Contemplative prayer. Meditation in

for hire

CATHEDRAL: Portsmouth Cathedral has two very large pavilion-style tents that can be hired at minimal cost for fete and garden events.

Contact: John Murphie on 023-9282 3300 or john.murphie@ports mouthcathedral.org.uk

WATERLOOVILLE MUSIC FESTIVAL

St George's Church in Waterlooville hosts its annual extravaganza of music from June 9-17. All the events listed below happen in the church. Tickets available from St George's Church, Waterlooville, or Kim's Sports, Wellington Way, For more details, contact Jane Rice-Oxley on 023-9226 3576.

Saturday 9 June

(10am-12noon): Children's workshops; (4pm): Rehearsal for: (7.30pm): Scratch performance of Fauré's Requiem.

Sunday 10 June

(8am): Parish Eucharist; (10am): Parish Eucharist; (7.30pm): High Mass (Book of Common Prayer). With the Wyndcliffe

Monday 11 June

(9.30am): Eucharist. Followed by coffee; (12.15pm & 1.15pm): Good News. The Easter story in music. With Waite End Primary School; (7.30pm): University Jazz band

Tuesday 12 June

(9.30am): Eucharist. Followed by coffee; (12.15pm & 1.15pm): Organ and violin recital. Sue and Rachel Palmer; (7.30pm): Portsmouth Chorus. Led by Rod Starr.

Wednesday 13 June

(9.30am): Eucharist. Followed by

chapel between 10.15-11.15am, followed

SOUTHSEA, Church of the Holy Spirit (7.45pm): Concert by the Portsmouth City Band. Includes film music, medleys of popular songs. Followed by light refreshments at 8.45pm. Admission free, retiring collection to church centennial appeal.

Friday 15 June

WINCHESTER, Winchester Cathedral

(7pm): Evening prayer and liturgy of light. To mark the 125th anniversary of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. Led by Bishop Crispian Hollis. Preacher: Canon Nichols France, Catholic dean in Jersey.

WHITWELL, Old Rectory Gardens (7pm): Ryde School Tour Orchestra in concert. Bring your own picnic and seating. Tickets: £6.50, available on 01983-730633 or £7.50 on door.

Saturday 16 June

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10am): Diocesan spirituality day. 'Our Psyche in the Psalms', led by Brian Pickett. Cost: £7.50. Contact: Peter Lippiett (023-9282 6120). SOUTHSEA,

House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-

Chris Tait from '3:16' (Catherington, July 1)

coffee: (12.15pm & 1.15pm): Oaklands

School; (7.30pm): Highbury Area Band.

Thursday 14 June

(9.30am): Eucharist. Followed by coffee; (12.15pm & 1.15pm): Organ recital and children's workshops. With diocesan music adviser Marcus Wibberley; (7.30pm): String quartet.

Friday 15 June

(9.30am): Eucharist. Followed by coffee; (12.15pm & 1.15pm): Piano recital. With Andrew Evans; (7.30pm): Manti rock band, with Vasoline in concert.

Saturday 16 June

(9.30am): Summer fete; (12noon-12.40pm): Sounds of Steel; (7.30pm): Last Night of the Proms. With Denmead Brass Band.

Sunday 17 June

(8am): Parish Eucharist; (10am): Parish

4pm): Quiet day. Led by Sister Mary Joy SSB. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks and tea provided. Cost: £5. Please let the Sisters know if you want to attend, on 023-9283 3498 or ssb@sistersofbethany.

LEE-ON-THE-SOLENT, St Faith's Church (10.30am-2.30pm): Summer fayre. Display of vintage cars, plus bands, choirs, Morris dancers, line dancing and

WATERLOOVILLE. Hart Plain Church (12noon-3pm): Summer fayre. Bouncy castle, puppet show, stalls, barbecue and refreshments.

Sunday 17 June

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9.30am and 11am): Thanksgiving services for the

cathedral appeal; (6pm):

Falklands Memorial Evensong.

Saturday 23 June

PORTSMOUTH, St Nicholas Church, North End (10am-2pm): Summer extravaganza. Craft fayre and community fun day. Bouncy castle, face-painting, side-shows and refreshments. Admission free. FAREHAM, St John the

Evangelist Church, St Michael's Grove (1.30pm-4pm): Open day. Bouncy castle, musical entertainment from schoolchildren, children's activities, craft, Scottish dancing. Free of charge, except for cream teas. HAMBLE-LE-RICE, St Andrew's

Church (2pm-4pm): Summer fete. Afternoon of fun for all the family.

PORTSMOUTH FESTIVITIES

Our cathedral is once again involved in the Portsmouth Festivities, the annual arts and music extravaganza inspired by Portsmouth Grammar School. This year's event happens between June 23 and July 1, and includes concerts, services, talks and walks. All events listed below happen in Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street, Old Portsmouth. For more information, see www.portsmouthfestivities.co.uk, and to book tickets, ring 023-9282 6722.

Saturday 23 June

(7.30pm): Gala concert. The London Mozart Players perform a programme including Vivaldi's The Four Seasons and Gloria, alongside the Portsmouth Grammar School Chamber Choir. The concert also features Handel's recently Catherin

discovered Gloria. Tickets: £10/£8.

Sunday 24 June

(11.15am): Orchestral Eucharist. Featuring Portsmouth Cathedral choir, soprano Catherine Bott and sermon by Barry Ferguson, former organist at Rochester Cathedral; (9.30pm): Twilight recital. Organist David Price and countertenor voices Nick Pepin and Chris Dudley. Tickets: £5/£4.

Monday 25 June

(1.10pm): Lunchtime recital. Cathedral organist David Price with African drummers percussion group. Tickets: £2.50/£2; (9.30pm): Twilight recital. Organist David Price and Parkour dancer Sam Parham. Tickets: £5/£4.

Tuesday 26 June

(1.10pm): Lunchtime recital. Organist Liz Le Grove with trumpeter Paul Hart. Tickets: £2.50/£2.

PORTSMOUTH, New Theatre Royal, Guildhall Walk (7.30pm): His Story. Gospel musical. See page 16 for details. PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm): Mass in Blue. First Portsmouth performance of contemporary jazz setting of the Latin Mass. Tickets: £10, from 023 9282 2227.

Tuesday 26 June -Saturday 1 July

GUILDFORD, Wintershall Estate, Bramley (10am-4pm): The Life of Christ. Annual open-air presentation, featuring cast of hundreds and real animals. Tickets: £14 (children: £6.50). See: www.winter shall-estate.com for details.

Saturday 30 June

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (12noon):

Ordination of deacons; (6pm): Ordination of priests. With Bishop Kenneth. See page 2 for details

SOBERTON, Church Green, next to White Lion (2pm): Church fete. Stalls, games, grand draw, cream teas, Warsash band, dancing by children from Newtown Soberton School, Opened by Lady Clarendon. Admission: £1 (children:

Wednesday 27 June

(1.10pm): Lunchtime recital. Organist Andrew Cleary and soprano Yi Ru Hall. Tickets: £2.50/£2; (9.30pm): Twilight recital. Rob Blanken on clarinet and Karen Kingsley on piano. Tickets: £5/£4.

Thursday 28 June

(1.10pm): Lunchtime recital. Organist Marcus Wibberley. Tickets: £2.50/£2; (7.30pm): Concert. The Tallis Scholars perform Renaissance music, including Allegri's *Miserere*. Tickets: £10/£8). Supper ticket (including pre-concert talk, supper at the Royal Naval Club and concert): £22/£20/£13.

Friday 29 June

(1.10pm): Lunchtime recital. Organist David Price and recorder player Joe Scarffe. Tickets: £2.50 (concs: £2); (9.30pm): Twilight recital. Choral scholars of Portsmouth Cathedral Choir sing Gregorian chants by candlelight.

Sunday 1 July

(11.15am): Jazz Eucharist. Featuring Portsmouth Cathedral Choir and the Augustine Jazz Trio, playing the Little

Sunday 1 July

CATHERINGTON, All Saints Church (6pm): Live Wire Connect. Youth service, followed by barbecue. Features worship group '3:16' (formerly Live Wire youth band) and talk by Pete Maidment, youth adviser for Winchester diocese.

CALBOURNE, All Saints Church (11am-5pm): Open gardens. Gardens available for viewing throughout the village. Refreshments in recreation centre, free parking on cricket ground. Tickets: £3, available on 01983-760869.

Saturday 7 July

PORTSMOUTH, St George's Church, St George's Square (5pm-6.30pm): The Role of Women in the Bible. Exploration of feminist theology, led by Jane Robinson, Reader at St George's. Part of 'Sharing the Journey', a series of sessions for spiritual seekers.

• Would you like your church's events for July and August 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 June 4. NB: there is no separate August edition.

letter to the editor

Perhaps you can find a corner of the Pompey Chimes to allow me to express my thanks to all the people and parishes who contributed to the most generous cheque that I received as a leaving present from the diocese. I really am most grateful and can assure everyone that I shall not spend it on anything sensible!

My thanks also to all those who attended the cathedral evensong on March 18 and helped to make it such a memorable and joyful occasion. My particular thanks to the cathedral musicians who really did us proud. It was lovely to see so many people from the diocese who have, over the years, been such a pleasure to work with and for.

Finally, I wish to thank publicly all the central staff of the diocese and my former colleagues in the bishop's staff and cathedral chapter. Thank you for the great farewell parties, the generous (and original) gifts and - most of all - for your loyal friendship and support over many years. I miss you all, already. But I don't, as yet, miss the endless e-mails, the committee meetings, the late nights, and explaining - for the 550th time how the quota system works! I bequeath all of those to my successor and wish her the very best of fortune with them.

With very best wishes to you all. Michael Jordan, Nantycelyn, Kerry Road Montgomery, Powys. SY15 6HW.

announcements

Appointments:

The Rev Keith Adlam, assistant curate (NSM), Binstead and Havenstreet, East Wight, to be licensed as assistant curate (NSM) to the benefice of Northwood, Gurnard and St Faith's, Cowes, on June

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

The Rev Andy Davis, rector, Bishop's Waltham and Upham, to be collated and inducted as vicar of Holy Trinity and Christ Church, Gosport, on June 8. The Rev Linda Denness, priest-incharge, Cosham (part-time) was also licensed as priest-in-charge, St Peter and St Paul, Wymering on May 18. Canon Roger Devonshire, was licensed as chaplain to Qinetiq on May

The Rev Malcolm King, team rector, St Mark's Church, North End, to become warden of Iona Abbey (Diocese of Argyll and the Isles) from August 1. The Rev Brian Williams was licensed as assistant curate (NSM), St Faith's, Lee-on-the-Solent on May 10.

Retirement:

Canon Marion Mort, assistant curate (NSM) Swanmore, retired with effect from May 10.