

Wednesday 2 April

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Guildhall, Guildhall Square (10.30am): *Women's Institute spring council meeting.* Guest speaker: Terry Waite CBE and Fay Mansell, chair of the National Federation of Women's Institutes. Tickets: £10.50, available on 01962-852721 or gen-hcfwi@btconnect.com. See page 3 for details.

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon): *Mass and charity lunch.*

Thursday 3 April

PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street (7.30pm): *Cathedral club.* Illustrated talk on 'Hordean Light Railway'. Visitors welcome. Cost: £2.

Saturday 5 April

FRESHWATER, Freshwater Bay House (8.30am-10am): *Men's breakfast.* Speaker: Father Gregory of Quarr Abbey on 'A Monk's Journey of Faith'. Tickets: £7/£5 available on 01983-756549.

PORTSMOUTH, St Nicholas Church, Battenburg Avenue, North End (10am-12noon): *Grand charity sale.* Stalls for overseas and local charities, including plants, bric-a-brac, books. Refreshments and raffle. Admission: 20p.

MEONSTOKE, Meon Hall (7.30pm): *Spring concert by Botley Choral Society, with Upham Recorder Orchestra.* Includes *Captain Noah* and his Floating Zoo by Horowitz, and *Spring of Thyme* by Rutter. Tickets: £8/£6 (under-16s: free), on 01489-890393.

RYDE, All Saints Church (7.30pm): *Concert by Ryde Chorus with the Fletching Singers.* Includes Monteverdi's *Beatus Vir* and Vivaldi's *Nulla in mundo pax sincera*. Tickets: £8 (accompanied children: free) available on 01983-562828.

LEE-ON-SOLENT, St Faith's Church (7.30pm): *Agnes Dei.* Sacred music from the Renaissance to the present. Performed by the Renaissance Choir, conducted by Peter Gambie. Includes works by Byrd, Tallis, Victoria, Taverner and Lauridsen. Also the premiere of *The Flight of the Phoenix* by 18-year-old Andrew Hadfield. Tickets: £8, £6 and £2, available on 023-9278 9546.

WOOTTON, St Edmund's Church, Church Road (7.30pm): *The Parson's House.* Illustrated talk by local historian Johanna Jones. Refreshments served.

Sunday 6 April

COWES, Holy Trinity Church (9.45am): *Christian Aid service.* Preacher: Susan Barry, Christian Aid regional co-ordinator.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11am): *Sung Eucharist with members of South Atlantic Medal Association 1982 attending.*

COWES, St Mary's Church (11am): *Christian Aid service.* Preacher: Susan Barry, Christian Aid regional co-ordinator; (3pm-5pm): *World Safari (In Northwood Park outside the church).* Negotiate a 'minefield', collect water and use a prayer tree; (6.30pm): *Christian Aid service.* Preacher: Susan Barry.

BISHOP'S WALTHAM, Jubilee Hall (7.30pm): *Spring concert by Botley Choral Society, with Upham Recorder Orchestra.* Includes *Captain Noah* and his Floating Zoo by Horowitz, and *Spring of Thyme* by Rutter. Tickets: £8/£6 (under-16s: free), on 01489-890393.

Monday 7 April

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm): *Mass and meditation.*

Tuesday 8 April

BARTON, St Paul's Church, Staplers Road (7pm for 7.30pm): *Update on the work of 'Sabra' by Motti Kliner.* Discover more about his work with Jewish people in Siberia.

Trek across Isle of Wight will help those in real poverty

WALKERS will trek across the Isle of Wight to help raise money for some of the world's poorest people.

The 17-mile sponsored walk starts from the viewpoint car park near Blackgang Chine and takes in Niton, Whitwell, Godshill, Merstone and Newport before the end is reached at West Cowes. It takes you from the wild, rugged coastline through vil-

lages and hamlets, via the county town to the international sailing resort of Cowes.

All the proceeds will go to Christian Aid to help those in developing countries. This year's event is being called 'Walk from the Wild Side' and takes place on May 3 from 9am onwards. It's part of the Isle of Wight Walking Festival.

Over the past four years, this walk has raised thousands

of pounds for Christian Aid. Last year more than 60 walkers raised £2,000.

Those who can't manage all 17 miles, or who are in wheelchairs or pushing pushchairs can join walkers for the last six miles. They can start from Quay Street Chapel in Newport, which is where other walkers will stop for lunch.

Walkers can walk at their own pace throughout the 17

miles, but should bring walking boots. Dogs are allowed.

A coach will leave Newport Bus Station at 8am on the day of the walk to take people to the start point. It costs £2 each. Anyone who wants to do the walk, but is not being sponsored, is asked to donate £5.

For details, see www.wildwight.org.uk, or contact Jim Curtis on 01983-526574 or jim@wildwight.org.uk

Thursday 10 April

PORTSMOUTH, Room F, Arts Centre, Third Floor, Central Library, Guildhall Square (7.30pm): *The Healthcare Crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.* Talk by Professor Colin Green at public meeting organised by the Portsmouth Network for a Just Settlement of the Arab-Israeli Conflict. Details: 023-9248 6064.

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

Saturday 12 April

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10am-4pm): *Diocesan spirituality day.* A day exploring the spirituality of Etty Hillesum, a young Jewish woman from Holland who was sent to Auschwitz. Led by Patrick Woodhouse, precentor of Wells Cathedral. Cost: £7.50. To book, contact Kay Lancaster on 023-9289 9656 or kay.lancaster@portsmouth.anglican.org

SWANMORE, St Barnabas Church (11am-4pm): *The Hampshire Wedding Fair.* See a church decorated for a church wedding, view exhibits of photographers, florists, dress designers and many others, and see a fashion show of bridal gowns and other wedding outfits. For details, see: www.thehampshireweddingfair.co.uk

PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church (7.30pm): *Concert by Petersfield Chamber Choir.* In aid of the Rowans Hospice. Director: Ann Pinney. Includes J S Bach's *Jesu meine Freude*. Admission free. Retiring collection.

ALTON, Alton Abbey (7.30pm): *Confessions of a Trolley Dolly.* Friends of Alton Abbey present wine, supper and aeronautical entertainment with the Abbey Community and friends. Tickets: £20. Proceeds towards the abbey's building appeal. Contact: 01730-829580 or sally@midbourne.wanadoo.co.uk

PORTSMOUTH, Bradbury Suite, St Cuthbert's Centre, Hayling Avenue, Copnor (7.45pm): *Concert by Hampshire Guitar Orchestra (Hago).* Tickets: £6 (adult), £3 (children). In aid of St Cuthbert's building appeal. Contact: Sue Walker (023-9261 8857).

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

PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street (7.30pm): *Cathedral club.* Talk by Martin Sykes on 'The Samaritans'.

Friday 18 April

PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street (10.30am): *Cathedral Needlecraft Group coffee morning.* Stalls and raffle. Entrance: 50p. In aid of the cathedral memorial garden.

Saturday 19 April

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet day.* Conductor: Canon Geoffrey Curtis. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks and tea provided. Cost £5. Please let the Sisters know

if you wish to attend on 023 9283 3498 or ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk.

PORTSMOUTH, University Students' Union, Ravelin Park, Cambridge Road (11am-4pm): *Climate Festival.* Music, attractions, bar, competitions, performers, farmers' market, films, workshops, children's activities, recycled art, Fairtrade and organic food, bouncy castle and face-painting. Free of charge; (7pm-11pm): *Gig by School of Rock, the Autons and Seize The Day.* Tickets £5 (students: £3) from students' Union office. See page 3 for details.

Sunday 20 April

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

DENMEAD, All Saints church hall, Hambleton Road (2pm-3.30pm): *Plant sale.* Organised by Denmead Church Flower Club. Quality plants at bargain prices.

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (4pm): *Music concert.* Performance of Benjamin Britten's *Abraham and Isaac* given by Michael Stoddart (counter-tenor), James Hawkey (tenor) and Matthew Dixon (piano). Admission free, retiring collection in aid of St Mary's Music Foundation.



Susan Barry (Holy Trinity and St Mary's, Cowes, April 6)

Tuesday 22 April

ARRETON, Thompsons Garden Centre, Watery Lane (7pm-9pm): *Flowers, Friends and Fun.* Help to celebrate 15 years of Love Russia, the Isle of Wight charity that helps orphans in Russia. Thompson's are offering 10 per cent discount on certain plants. Cafe open for nibbles, drinks and chance to find out more about the charity's work.

PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crosswell Street, Landport (7.30pm): *Taizé briefing.* Evening for those aged 17-29 years old who would be interested in a week's pilgrimage to the Taizé community in France this August.

Friday 25 April

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10am-4pm): *Kairos: Buildings training day.* Chaired by the diocesan chancellor, Christopher Clark QC. Includes speakers, discussion and workshops on aspects of our diocese's

'Kairos: Buildings' programme. Contact: the Rev Alex Hughes (01329-280247).

FRESHWATER, All Saints Church (7.30pm): *An Evening of Scottish Music.* Presented by the Isle of Wight Scottish Fiddlers. Entrance free, retiring collection in aid of Chernobyl Children Lifeline.

Saturday 26 April

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (9am-6pm): *Swirling Shoals and Grey Ships.* Exhibition by Samm Mackinnon. She is an established artist on the south coast who specialises in marine scenes, painting with acrylic paint on stretched canvas. Continues until May 11; (7pm): *RN Afghanistan Loss and Legacy service.*

NEWPORT, Anthony Minghella Theatre, Quay Arts (10am-4.30/5pm): *Domestic violence and abuse - the Church response.* Ecumenical event led by the Mankind Initiative and Pastor Joe Heyes, Emmanuel Community Church, Barrow. To book, contact Paul Randle-Jolliffe on 07905-937952 or paul.jolliffe@gmail.com

PORTSMOUTH, St Margaret's Church, Highland Road, Eastney (10am-4.30pm): *Open weekend.* Church open, refreshments and crafts in the parish centre. Continues on Sunday April 27 (1pm-4.30pm).

PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street (11am-2pm): *Nearly new sale and teas.*

RYDE, United Reformed Church, Upton Road (7.30pm): *Children's Society sixth annual concert.* Includes Boyle O'Dowda Irish Dancers, magician Brian Baffles and the Select Singers. Admission: £3 (children: £1), available on 01983-564229.

WINCHESTER, Winchester Cathedral (7.30pm): *Verdi's Requiem.* Performed by the Southampton Philharmonic Choir, students of Southampton University Phil, accompanied by the New London Sinfonia. Preceded by Simon Milton's *Fanfare for Verdi Brass.* Tickets: £6-£28 available on 01962-857275 or www.winc.hestercathedral.org.uk.

Tuesday 29 April

PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church (1pm): *Lunchtime concert.* By Bedales School. Admission free, retiring collection. Bring your own lunch, coffee or sale.

Friday 2 May

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7pm for 7.30pm): *Black tie gala dinner.* Three-course meal, wine and live music in the

beautiful surroundings of the cathedral nave. Cost: £50 per person. Proceeds to the Cathedral's appeal. See page 4 for details.

Saturday 3 May

BLACKGANG, Blackgang Viewpoint car park (9am): *Start of the Walk from the Wild Side.* Sponsored walk to raise money for Christian Aid. See panel above for details.

PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church (7.30pm): *The Gypsy Connection.* Three virtuoso musicians present a free-spirited and exuberant voyage of discovery, exploring the crossover between classical and gypsy music. Tickets: £10 (£8 concessions), available on 07748-218876.

FAREHAM, Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road (7.30pm): *Elijah.* Mendelssohn's exciting oratorio performed by the Fareham Philharmonic Choir, orchestra and soloists. Tickets: £11.50, £10 (concess) & £2 (under-16), on 01329-318731 or 01329-664948.

Monday 5 May

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (10am): *May fayre.* Annual community fayre held in the church and grounds. Around 10,000 visitors enjoy attractions including real ale tent, arena displays, bouncy castle, bands, funfair rides and more than 100 stalls. To book a stall, ring 023-9229 3020.

Saturday 10 May

SHEDFIELD, St John the Baptist study centre, Church Road (10am-12noon): *Coffee morning.* To raise money for research into myeloma, in memory of Carole Fisher. Includes cake stall, raffle and bric-a-brac stall. See page 5 for details.

SOUTHSEA, St Simon's Church, Waverley Road (10.30am): *Jumble sale.* To raise money for Joe Holland, working in with young offenders in Manchester on a music project. To donate clean jumble, contact Dinah Walters on 023-9281 4599.

Sunday 11 May

NEWPORT, Newport Football Club (2pm-6.30pm): *Pentecost celebration.* Part of Hope 2008. See page 1 for details.

● *Would you like your church's events for May listed here? Send details to: Pompey Chimes, Diocese of Portsmouth, First Floor, Peninsular House, Wharf Road, Portsmouth, PO2 8HB or to pugmire@portsmouth.anglican.org by April 7.*

announcements

Appointments:

The Rev Tom Kennar, assistant curate, Warblington-with-Emsworth to be team rector at St Mark's, North End. The induction will be on May 27.

The Rev James Hunt, assistant curate, St Peter, Farnborough (Guildford dio-

cese) to be vicar of St Peter's, Bishops Waltham, and the Blessed Mary, Upham. The induction will be on June 10.

The Rev Gloria Steadman, assistant curate, Farlington, to be assistant curate, St Alban's, West Leigh. The licensing will take place on July 13.