

Sunday 26 April -

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PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street, Old Portsmouth (9am-6pm): *Exhibition. 'Swirling Shoals and Grey Ships'* by Portsmouth artist Samm Mackinnon.

Thursday 1 May

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm): *Parish Mass for Ascension Day.*
PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street, Old Portsmouth (7.30pm): *Cathedral club.* Illustrated talk by Lt Cdr M Hill on 'Below Decks on the Royal Yachts'.

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. Details: Tracey Harper (023-9289 2962).

Saturday 3 May

BLACKGANG, Blackgang Viewpoint car park (9am): *Start of the Walk from the Wild Side.* Sponsored 17-mile walk to West Cowes to raise money for Christian Aid. See www.wildwight.org.uk, or contact Jim Curtis on 01983-526574 or jim@wildwight.org.uk

YARMOUTH, Thorley Manor, Wilmingham Lane (7pm): *Open-air evening with the Isle of Wight Youth Stage Band.* In aid of Philip Mowle, going to Uganda with Mission Direct. Tickets: £10 (children: £2.50), available from West Wight Sports Centre.

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 concs), 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 (concs) & £2 (under-16), on 01329-318731 or 01329-664948.

Sunday 4 May

GOSPORT, St John's Church, Forton (10am): *Festival Mass to mark patronal festival.* Followed by champagne and croissants; (6pm): *Solemn Vespers and Benediction.*

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.

ARRETTON, St George's Church (10.30am-12.30pm & 2pm-4pm): *Bellringing open day.* Come and watch the ancient art of church bellringing, ask questions and see the church. See page 4 for details.

Wednesday 7 May

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

Thursday 8 May

SOUTHSEA, Church of the Holy Spirit, Fawcett Road (7.45pm): *Young Performers' Concert.* Singers and instrumentalists from Chichester University and Portsmouth Grammar School will perform for about an hour. Light refreshments. Admission free, retiring collection towards Centennial Appeal Building Fund.

Church to host art show

ARTIST Anne House will display 34 stunning paintings at Holy Rood Church in Stubbington this month.

The paintings, which are on spiritual themes recognisable from the Christian faith, will form the New Generation art exhibition from May 27 until June 1.

The vicar, the Rev Stephen Girling, said: "The artwork is spiritual without being sentimental. Many of the images are honest, raw, even brutal - but they

leave you with an almost palpable sense that all is not lost in our own generation, and that a new more godly generation is rising up."

The church will be open for visitors from 10am-4pm during the week, as well as from 6pm-8pm on May 31, 2pm-5pm and 7pm-9pm on June 1. On May 31, the Tim Eyles Jazz Band will perform live. Tickets are available on 01329-661154.

● Pictured right: 'Crown of Thorns' by Anne House



Friday 9 May

PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street (10am): *Mothers' Union coffee morning for 'Away From It All' holiday.*

NEWPORT, St John's Church (7pm): *Feel the Spirit.* Evening of spirituals and hymns with the Unity Stompers and St John's Church Choir. Includes John Rutter's *Feel the Spirit*. Adults: £5, children under 16: free.

Saturday 10 May

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Grammar School, High Street (9.30am-1pm): *Children's ministry training workshop morning.* Andy Saunders, children's and youth officer from Winchester diocese, on 'Learning Styles', Ruth Grist, 0-11s worker from Crookhorn on 'Action Songs' and Irene Smale, Chichester diocese's children's officer on 'Storytelling'. Cost: £6.50. To book, contact Kay Lancaster on 023-9289 9656 or kay.lancaster@portsmouth.anglican.org

SHEDFIELD, St John the Baptist study centre, Church Road (10am-12noon): *Coffee morning.* To raise money for research into myeloma, in memory of former parishioner Carole Fisher. Includes cake stall, raffle and bric-a-brac stall. Contact: Ann Thompson (01489-892611).

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.15am-2.45pm): *Diocesan healing day.* Led by Canon Mark Wilson, priest psychotherapist in Guildford diocese. Includes healing service. See page 2 for details.

SOUTHSEA, St Simon's Church, Waverley Road (10.30am): *Jumble sale.* To raise money for Joe Holland, working with young offenders on a music project. See page 3 for details.

ALTON, Alton Abbey (11.30am-5pm): *Open garden.* Bobbin lace demonstration, second-hand books and unusual plants for sale. Admission: £3. Continues on May 11 (11.30am-5pm, including organ recital at 3pm).

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NEWPORT, Newport Football Club (2pm-6.30pm): *Pentecost celebration.* Part of Hope 2008. Join churches from across the island for celebration, and see the range of Christian activities on the island, displayed in a village of gazebos across the pitch.

Monday 12 May

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (10.30am): *Legal service.*

Thursday 15 May

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-12.30pm): *Using the Sisters as a resource.* Chance for clergy and Readers to discover what this religious community can offer to parishes. Part of Continuing Ministerial Development programme. Contact: the Rev Karina Green (023-9283 8713 or karina.green@portsmouth.anglican.org).

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

PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street (7.30pm): *Cathedral club.* Talk by Phillip Adams on 'The Siege of Portsmouth'.

Friday 16 May

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

Saturday 17 May

PETERSFIELD, The High House, Stroud (10am-3pm): *Friends of Portsmouth Cathedral quiet day.* Led by Jenny Sandys on 'God our Creator'. Cost, including soup, tea and coffee: £10. Please bring your own lunch. To book, ring 023-9289 2963 or e-mail liz.snowball@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk

SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet day.* Led by the Rev Simon Rundell. 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.org.uk

PORTSMOUTH, All Saints' Church, Commercial Road (10am-4pm): *Retreat day for people with special needs.* Please bring a packed lunch and £2. Details: the Rev Mary Tillman (023-9286 5488).

SANDOWN, Christ Church, The Broadway (10am): *Christian Aid walk.* Circular five-mile walk, via woodlands and coastal path. Refreshments available on completion. For details, contact John Cooper (01983-403410 or cooper.jayemm@lineone.net)

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Concert by the Portsmouth University and Portsmouth Cathedral Choirs.*
DENMEAD, All Saints Church, Hambledon Road (7.30pm): *Concert by Solent Male Voice Choir.* Tickets: £8, available on 023-9224 1161 or 023-9225 1674.

Sunday 18 May

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (10am): *Parish Mass and confirmation service.* With Bishop Kenneth. Includes singing by choir from Turku in Finland.

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (11.15am): *City service;* (4pm): *Trinity Sunday lecture.* 'Your Money or Your Life: the place of money in faith and life' by the Rt Rev Peter Selby, former Bishop of Worcester. Chaired by Professor John Craven, vice-chancellor, University of Portsmouth. Followed by tea and Evensong.
NEWPORT, Minster Church of St Thomas, St Thomas's Square (7pm): *Trinity Sunday lecture.* 'Your Money or Your Life: the place of money in faith and life' by the Rt Rev Peter Selby, former Bishop of Worcester. Chaired by Canon Stephen Palmer, vicar of Sts Thomas and

St John's Churches.

Tuesday 20 May

TOTLAND BAY, Christ Church (7.30pm): *Organ recital.* By Gordon Stewart, international concert organist. Admission free, retiring collection.

Wednesday 21 May

PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church (7.30pm): *Petersfield School showcase.* Students showcase an evening of music for all tastes. Admission free, retiring collection.

Thursday 22 May

PORTSMOUTH, St George's church hall, Portsea (10am-3pm): *What Is Ministry?* Led by Dr Paula Gooder, Canon Theologian at Birmingham Cathedral. Part of Continuing Ministerial Development programme for clergy and Readers. Contact: the Rev Karina Green (023-9283 8713 or karina.green@portsmouth.anglican.org).

Friday 23 May

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (7.30pm): *Music in the Round concert.* Danel Quartet. Tickets: £13.50/£11, available on 023-9284 3757.

FRESHWATER, Memorial Hall (7.30pm): *An Evening With CS Lewis.* Experience what it might have been like to hear the author CS Lewis speak. Performed by David Payne. Tickets available from Ros and Robin Holley on 01983-755515.

Saturday 24 May

PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (10.30am): *Coffee morning.*

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street (6pm): *Baptism and confirmation.*

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Guildhall, Guildhall Square (7.30pm): *Prom Praise.* Unique blend of classical music and worship, featuring the All Souls Orchestra conducted by Noel Tredinnick, and massed choir from local churches. Tickets: £19.50/£7.50, including souvenir programme, available on 023-9282 4355.

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WHITWELL, St Mary and St

Rhadegunde's Parish Church (10.30am-4.30pm): *Glorious Stories in Bloom.* Refreshments available. Entrance: £3.

Saturday 24 May -
Wednesday 28 May

MOTTISTONE, St Peter and St Paul Church (11am-6pm): *Flower festival.* Refreshments available.

Tuesday 27 May -

Friday 30 May

PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth High School, Kent Road (9am-12.30pm): *Sport and games week.* Organised by St Jude's Church, Southsea. Chance to be coached in variety of sports and take part in team games. See page 5 for details.

Tuesday 27 May -

Sunday 1 June

STUBBINGTON, Holy Rood Church (10am-4pm; also Friday: 6pm-8pm and Sunday: 2pm-5pm and 7pm-9pm): *New Generation art exhibition.* Exhibition of 34 paintings by Anne House. See panel (left) for details.

Friday 30 May

BINSTEAD, Holy Cross Church, Church Road (7.30pm): *Concert by the Wallingford Children's Choir.* Admission by donation.

Saturday 31 May

STUBBINGTON, Holy Rood Church (7.30pm): *Tim Eyles Jazz Band in concert.* Tickets: 01329-661154.

Monday 2 June

BEDHAMPTON, St Nicholas church centre, Belmont Grove (6.15pm-9pm): *PCC members' training session.* Learn how the church is governed, what the PCC is for and what meetings should be like. Cost: £5. To book, contact Kay Lancaster on 023-9289 9656 or kay.lancaster@portsmouth.anglican.org

Tuesday 3 June

PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church (1pm): *Lunchtime organ recital.* First of a series of fortnightly recitals by Mark Dancer.

BARTON, St Paul's church hall, School Lane (6.15pm-9pm): *PCC members' training session.* Learn how the church is governed, what the PCC is for and what meetings should be like. Cost: £5. To book, contact Kay Lancaster on 023-9289 9656 or kay.lancaster@portsmouth.anglican.org

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WATERLOOVILLE, Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn Lane, Crookhorn (7.30pm-9pm): *Parents and Carers Internet Awareness training.* Free evening for those who care for the internet generation. Led by Max Cross, church youth worker and IT professional. See page 4 for details.

● *Would you like your church's events for June listed here? 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 5.*

announcements

Appointments:

The Rev Nick Fennemore, head of chaplaincy and bereavement services, Portsmouth Hospitals, is to become diocesan healing adviser.
John Gorrie has been appointed as the schools buildings officer for Portsmouth and Winchester dioceses.

Date:

The Rev Malcolm Williams, assistant curate, the Abbey Church of St Mary and St Melor, Amesbury, was licensed as priest in charge of Brighthstone, Brook with Mottistone, Shorwell and Chale on April 21.