Sunday 1 November

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (3pm): *Service for those who have been bereaved.*
GOSPORT, Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Green (3.30pm): *Handel with Knobs*. Teatime concert by Gillian and Michael Lloyd. Free entry, retiring collection for historic Handel organ appeal. Refreshments available.

Monday 2 November

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (7.30pm): *Duruflé's Requiem Mass for All Souls Day*.

Wednesday 4 November

PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (12noon): *Mass and charity lunch*.
PORTSMOUTH, diocesan offices, Peninsular House, Wharf Road (6.15pm-9pm): *Advanced churchwardens training*. Chance for experienced churchwardens to deepen their understanding of nature and mission of the Church. Cost: £5. Includes chance to quiz an archdeacon, update on legal issues and reflection on shared leadership. Contact: Kay Lancaster (023-9289 9656 or kay.lancaster@portsmouth.anglican .org)

Saturday 7 November

PORTSMOUTH, St Nicholas Church, Battenburg Avenue (10am): *Jumble sale*. Details: 023-9266 5753 or office@stmarkportsea.co.uk.
SHANKLIN, Falconcross Hall (10am-2pm): *St Blasius, Shanklin, autumn fair*.
PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (10.30am): *Coffee morning*.
HAYLING ISLAND, Hayling Community Centre (7pm for 7.30pm): *Out of the Shadows*. Tribute band plays hits of the 1960s to raise money for the St Mary's Community Appeal. Tickets: £10 available from Mike Payne on 023-9246 5259.

Sunday 8 November

PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (9.30am): *Remembrance Sunday mass*.
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (10am): *Remembrance Sunday mass;* **(3pm):** *British Legion Service of Remembrance*.
PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (10am): *Remembrance Sunday mass*.
PORTSMOUTH, St Mark's Church, Derby Road (4.30pm): *Silent Eucharist*. The Rev Tom Kennar, team rector, will lead an extraordinary Eucharist, rich in symbolism and mystery, but without words. Details: 023-9266 5753 or office@stmarkportsea.co.uk.
BOTLEY, All Saints' Church (6.30pm): *BCP Holy Communion with Fauré's Requiem*. For Remembrance Sunday.

Monday 9 November

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

Tuesday 10 November

BARTON, St Paul's church hall (6.15pm-9pm): *Advanced churchwardens training*. See November 4 for details.

Thursday 12 November

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

Friday 13 November

SOUTHAMPTON, Central Hall (7.30pm): *Apprentice*. Part of a tour by church leader the Rev Steve Chalke to promote his DVD and book *Apprentice: Walking the Way of Christ*. The evening also features the broadcaster Diane-Louise Jordan and music by Cathy Burton. For details, see www.newcommunity.org.uk.
SOUTHWICK, D-Day Memorial Hall (7.30pm): *An Evening of Light Entertainment with the Olympic Swing Quartet*. Proceeds to the Rowans Hospice. Tickets: £10/£7.95. Send a SAE to the Rev RL Green, The White House, High Street, Southwick, PO17 6EB.

Saturday 14 November

PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (10am): *British Orthodox service*. Join the Orthodox Christian community in the city for their monthly service.
PORTSMOUTH, School Room, North Cloister Corridor, Portsmouth Cathedral (10am-12noon): *God's Calling*. Opportunity to meet with others who are exploring their vocation, to meet experienced ministers and to look at various forms of ministry in the Church of England. Contact: Peter Kelly (01489-892105 or peterkelly@swanmore.net).
PORTSMOUTH, St Mark's Church, Derby Road (10am-1pm): *Table-top sale*. Admission free. To book a table (£5), contact Pat on 07760-247206.
PORTSMOUTH, Portsmouth Cathedral Music Centre, Cathedral House, St Thomas's Street (10am-4pm): *Diocesan music conference 2009*. Includes speakers Peter Moger, national worship development officer, and Jan Payne, Royal School of Church Music co-ordinator for East Anglia and Lincolnshire. See page 5 for details.
GOSPORT, St Mary's Church, Alverstoke (7.30pm): *Concert by Wyndcliffe Voices*. A concert of 20th and 21st century music presented by Portsmouth District Composers' Alliance. Details: Philip Drew (023-9283 0995).
HAYLING ISLAND, St Peter's Church, Northney (7.30pm): *Annual Wedgewood organ recital*. Given by internationally-renowned organist William Whitehead, who will play and talk about music from Victorian England. Includes Elgar's *Salut d'Amour* and a march by César Franck. Tickets: £6, including drinks, available on 023-9246 1626.

Sunday 15 November

PORTSMOUTH, Becket Hall, Portsmouth Cathedral (2.30pm-5pm): *Inter-Diocesan West Africa Link (IDWAL) bring-and-share afternoon*. Come and hear about recent visits to and from Ghana. Refreshments available.
WARSASH, St Mary's Church (6.30pm): *Service of reflection on the Holy Land*. See page 2 for details.

Monday 16 November

PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (7.30pm-9pm): *Exploring the prophets: Isaiah*. To prepare for Advent, a series of evenings will look at the prophets. Includes candlelit worship, reflection and discussion.

Thursday 19 November

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street, Fratton (12noon): *Charity lunch*.
SWANMORE, St Barnabas Church (7.45pm): *Concert in aid of the Rowans Hospice*. Featuring the Hampshire Guitar Orchestra. Tickets: £10 in advance, includes refreshments. Send SAE and cheque payable to 'The Rowans Hospice' to Mrs L Kelly, The Vicarage, Church Road, Swanmore, SO32 2PA.

Saturday 21 November - Saturday 28 November

PETERSFIELD, St Peter's Church (daytime): *Arts and crafts exhibition*. Showcasing the work of local artists. Includes demonstrations and the chance to ask questions. Admission free, refreshments available.

Saturday 21 November

PORTCHESTER, St Mary's Church, Portchester Castle (10.30am-4pm): *Christmas fayre*. With stalls, Santa's grotto, refreshments and mulled wine.
PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (7.30pm): *Coffee morning*.
PORTSMOUTH, St Mark's Church, Derby Road (11am-2pm): *Christmas craft fayre*. To book a table (£5), please contact 023-9273 1842.
FAREHAM, Holy Trinity Church, West Street (7.30pm): *Concert by Fareham Philharmonic Choir*. Includes Handel's *Ode to Cecelia's Day*, Vivaldi's *Magnificat* and Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna*. Tickets: £9/£7.50/£2, available on 01329-664948 or on the door.
WINCHESTER, Winchester Cathedral (7.30pm): *Concert by Southampton Philharmonic Choir, with the New London Sinfonia*. Includes Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem*, and work by Handel and Schubert. Tickets: £30/£24/£19/£14 and £8,available on 01962-857275 or on www.winchestercathedral.org.uk.

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Monday 23 November

PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (7.30pm-9pm): *Exploring the prophets: Jeremiah*. The second in a series of evenings looking at the prophets. Includes candlelit worship, reflection and discussion.

Tuesday 24 November

PORTSMOUTH, diocesan office, Peninsular House, Wharf Road (8pm-9.30pm): *Messy Extreme Craft Evening*. Try out enamelling and soap-making, with a view to borrowing the kits for your Messy Church, youth group, social evening or uniformed organisation. Places limited, small charge for materials. To book, contact Kay Lancaster on 023-9289 9656 or kay.lancaster@portsmouth.anglica n.org.

Wednesday 25 November

DENMEAD, All Saints Church, Hambledon Road (7.30pm): *Concert by the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines*. Tickets: £9, including light refreshments, available from Dawn Banting on 023-9226 8840 or from the church office.
FAREHAM, St Peter and St Paul's Church (7.30pm): *Light Up A Life*. Carol service in aid of the Naomi House Children's Hospice. Includes chance to light candle in memory of someone who has just died. Contact: Mary Rochford (023-9232 8190).

Friday 27 November - Sunday 29 November

SHANKLIN, St Blasius Church, Church Road (10am-4pm): *Come To The Stable*. Fourth annual crib festival run by the church. See page 4 for details.

Saturday 28 November

PORTSMOUTH, St Wilfrid's Church, George Street (10am): *Christmas bazaar*.
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (10am): *Syrian Orthodox service*. The Syrian Orthodox community meet for the Liturgy.
SOUTHSEA, House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road (10am-4pm): *Quiet day with the Sisters of Bethany*. Led by the Rev David Lindsay. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks and tea provided. Cost: £6. Please let the Sisters know if you wish to attend on 023-9283 3498 or ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk.
LEE-ON-THE-SOLENT, St Faith's Church (7.30pm): *Concert by the Lee Singers*. Mixed selection of music to include *Ode to St Cecilia* and *Zadok the Priest*. Tickets: £6/£5, available on 023-9235 8974.
FAREHAM, Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road (7.30pm): *Concert by Havant Symphony Orchestra*. Conducted by Peter Craddock, with violin soloist Alex Redington. Includes music by Tchaikovsky, Mussorgsky, Kabalevsky and César Franck. Tickets: £17.50/£7, available on 01329-231942.

Sunday 29 November

FRESHWATER, All Saints Church (4pm): *Performance of Handel's Messiah*. Presented by the Friends of All Saints. Handel's oratorio will be performed with an orchestral ensemble by a small chorus of experienced singers. The church will be candlelit, and refreshments served in the interval.
WIDLEY, Christ Church, London Road (6pm): *Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer*.
PORTSMOUTH, St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Fratton (6.30pm): *Candlelit Advent Service*.

Monday 30 November

PORTSMOUTH, St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Landport (7.30pm-9pm): *Exploring the prophets: Hosea*. The third in a series of evenings looking at the prophets. Includes candlelit worship, reflection and discussion.

Saturday 5 December

LEE-ON-THE-SOLENT, St Faith's Church (11am-3pm): *Christmas fayre*. With crafts, cakes, jewellery, toys, bric-a-brac, bran tub, children's games, hot and cold food.

● *Would you like your church's events for* ***December and January*** *listed here and on our diocesan website? Send details to:* Pompey Chimes*, First Floor, Peninsular House, Wharf Road, Portsmouth, PO2 8HB or to neil.pugmire@portsmouth. anglican.org by* ***November 9.*** *Please note: there is no separate January edition.*

letters to the editor

Dear Sir,
I am grateful for Patrick Whittle's comments on my article about Roman Catholic and Anglican attitudes to the Eucharist (*Pompey Chimes*, September 2009). Mr Whittle quotes the 39 Articles. They are a valuable account of Anglican attitudes during the Reformation. They are not a statement of current doctrine. Therefore clergy have not been required to assent to them since 1975.

The reduced status of the Articles is reflected in the fact that they have not been included in either of the Prayer Books of 1980 or 2000. The Revised Catechism of 1962 refers to the two sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion, but also to five other "sacramental ministries of grace [which] are provided in the Church."

In the collect for Corpus Christ in *Common Worship*, we pray that we may "reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood."

Yours sincerely, Canon Alan Wilkinson, 17a High Street, Old Portsmouth

Dear Sir,
I read Canon Wilkinson's article about reunion with Rome with great interest. I recently visited Solesmes Abbey in Anjou and was met by a Benedictine monk who greeted me with the hope that I could supply him with the material that the Anglican-Roman Catholic conversations in South Africa 30 years ago had produced.

It happened in this way. A Roman Catholic students organisation called the Kolbe Society invited me to speak to their yearly conference in Johannesburg. There I met a Franciscan priest who taught at their seminary in Pretoria. He said to me: "Let us begin to discuss unity together." So we obtained permission from our respective hierarchies and began to meet regularly. I had felt for a long time that, in the South African situation of the time, our churches were united in their opposition to the apartheid regime and to all discrimination.

We wrote papers, debated far into the night and reached agreement on the Eucharist, on Orders, even on the position of the bishop of Rome. One factor that opened the way to agreement was the acceptance of the "hierarchy of truths." That is a grand theological way of admitting that provided we agree on basics, we can allow each other beliefs and practices that we ourselves would not use. As we met and debated, we grew together in mutual respect and in our common purpose, that of maintaining Christ's gospel in a divided country and among divisions in Christians.

The day came when we could truly say to our Churches: "Is there any reason why we should exclude each other, dwell and past conflicts and unhappy pasts, especially when those things mean little in South Africa or in most of the world outside Europe?"

At that point the international ARCIC began its meetings and we handed over our search and documents to them. The came the change in South Africa and we forgot what we had done and said in the thankfulness for the bloodless revolution in the rainbow nation.

You can imagine the joy when Fr Mathieu at Solesmes met me and said: "Please tell me about the beginnings of Anglican-Roman relations in South Africa, because they contributed so much to reunion." He also said: "But why have we not made more progress now?"

Which brings me back to Canon Wilkinson's article. Why not now?

Yours sincerely, Bishop Godfrey Ashby, Jay Close, Horndean

announcements

Appointments:

The Rev Andrew Menniss, vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Bembridge, will be appointed as an honorary Canon of Portsmouth Cathedral.

Retirement:

The Rev John Risdon, rector of St Thomas and St Nicholas, Bedhampton, has retired with effect from 31st October.

Deaths:

Canon Ron Poil, who had permission to officiate on our diocese, died in October 2009. A service of thanksgiving was held at St Mary's Church, Portchester, on October 20.
Canon Peter Ruffle, who had permission to officiate in our diocese, died on September 17. A service of thanksgiving was held on October 16 at St Faith's Church, Lee-on-the-Solent.