

# Portsmouth Post March 2006



## Christ Church Portsmouth

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## **Services in March**

### **Wednesday 1st**

10.00 Midweek Communion  
19:30 Ash Wednesday Meditation

### **Sunday 5th (Lent 1)**

08.00 Holy Communion (Order 2)  
10.30 Holy Communion  
Junior Church

1 Peter 3:18 - End  
Mark 1 : 9 - 15

### **Wednesday 8th**

10.00 Midweek Communion

### **Sunday 12th (Lent 2)**

08.00 Holy Communion (Order 1)  
10.30 Family and Parade Service

Romans 4:13-End  
Mark 8:31- End

### **Wednesday 15th**

10.00 Midweek Communion

### **Sunday 19th (Lent 3)**

08.00 Holy Communion (Order 2)  
10.30 Holy Communion  
Junior Church

1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2 : 13-22

### **Wednesday 22nd**

10.00 Midweek Communion

### **Sunday 26th (Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday)**

08.00 Holy Communion (Order 1)  
10.30 Family Service and Baptism

Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3: 14-21

### **Wednesday 29th**

10.00 Midweek Communion

## **DAY OF PRAYER**

On the day of our APCM, **Thursday 23rd March**, we have our DAY OF PRAYER. There will be lists for you to sign for participating either 'In Church " or "At Home" , sometime between 07:00 and 19:00 that day, with a guide to help your thoughts.

**"The prayer of a good person has a powerful effect "**

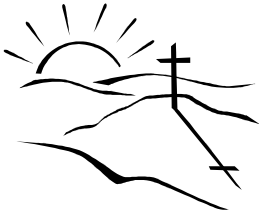
**James Ch. 5, v 16 (GNB)**

## Events in March

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Thu 2	PLT meeting	Church Hall Upper Room	19:30	Sheila Gill
Fri 3	Friday Fellowship	Church Hall	14:00 - 16:00	Cynthia Whittle
Fri 3	Women's World day of Prayer	Church	19:30	Sheila King
Sat 4	Lent Lunch	Church Hall	12:00 - 13:30	Pat Hatchard
Sun 5	Kairos Taize style evening service	St. George's Waterlooville	18:00	Andy Minchin
Tue 7	Mothers Union - The Dog Rose Summer	Church Hall	14:15 - 16:00	Ros Molloy
Tue 7	Communications group Meeting	TBA	19:30	Graham Olway
Wed 8	Start of Lent course	Church	19:30 - 21:00	Cynthia Whittle
Sat 11	Lent Lunch	Church Hall	12:00 - 13:30	Pat Hatchard
Sun 12	Yoof 2	The Olway's	18:30	Alison Norton
Thu 16	Concert - South Downs College	Church	19:30	Keith Fisher
Fri 17	Friday Fellowship	Church Hall	14:00 - 16:00	Cynthia Whittle
Sat 18	Mens' Breakfast	Church Hall	08:00 - 09:00	Pat Cole
Sat 18	Lent Lunch	Church Hall	12:00 - 13:30	Pat Hatchard
Tue 21	Mothers Union	Church Hall	14:15 - 16:00	Ros Molloy
Thu 23	APCM	Church Hall	19:30	Sylvia Fisher
Sat 25	Lent Lunch	Church Hall	12:00 - 13:30	Pat Hatchard
Sat 25	Hall of Sound	Church	tba	Alison Norton

<http://www.christchurchportsdown.org/whatson/events.htm>

## From the Other Side of the Hill



As we approach Lent I am always in a quandary.

One part of me, as an Anglican, knows it is a season that should be observed, but another part of me reacts against the idea of "sackcloth & ashes". Not literally (although for some it might be) but the practice of 'giving up' or self-denial that makes non-participants feel inferior.

Why the dilemma? First of all, because those churches which are not governed by the liturgical year do not keep Lent at all. Then, secondly, because we have all experienced the embarrassment or silence when confronted by someone who tells us that they will not eat sweets, have pudding, or even attend a social event 'in Lent'. Thirdly we are surely "Easter People" throughout the whole year and every occasion for worship should be filled with praise and thankfulness - just as it is in the Free and Pentecostal Churches. They do not have a mournful or sober six week period, but include recognition of the cross and suffering and the need for penitence in all their regular services. They praise and acknowledge Christ's on-going presence with us through the Holy Spirit all the year. What to do then?

I think the Lent Lunch advertisement saying "Come and enjoy...." has the right perspective and balance: frugality, funds for others, fellowship with friends in the church family. An opportunity to do something different and be disciplined (as long as you haven't put another meal ready for when you get home!); to remember the poor; and still celebrate the bond that we have

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with each other because of Christ's love for us and our love for him.

Another way in which we can observe Lent, in fellowship with friends, is to attend the weekly Lent Home Group meetings, adding to our knowledge of the scriptures. In 2 Timothy 3, verses 14 - 17, is a reminder of how we are qualified and equipped to serve Christ.

Lent is the opportunity for a personal check on how much we are showing practically our appreciation of all that Jesus "gave up" for us, by "giving out" something of ourselves for him.

*Cynthia Whittle*

## **LENT LUNCHES**

Every Saturday during Lent

**March 4th; 11th; 18th; 25th**

**April 1st; 8th**

**from 12:00 until 13:30**

**in Christ Church Parish Hall**

Come and enjoy

Delicious Soups, Crusty Bread and Cheese  
followed by tea or coffee

**All proceeds to Tear Fund**

**Suggested minimum donation £2.50 per person**

Don't forget to gift Aid your donation if you are a tax payer

**Advance notice – you will need to book !**  
we organising a party to attend

# **PROM PRAISE**

**at Portsmouth Guildhall**

**7.30 pm Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2006**

with

Noel Tredinnick & the All Souls Orchestra,  
the Prom Praise Choir & Heidi Pegler (soprano)

Tickets £7.50 to £19.50

(including souvenir programme)

## Flowers in Church

Our church is so lucky to have a band of keen amateur flower arrangers especially at Easter, Harvest and Christmas when the church is decorated to the glory of God at these special festivals of praise and celebration.

Through many weeks of the rest of the year fresh flowers are arranged in a pedestal at the altar. Many people like to remember someone dear to them on the anniversary of their death or on their birthday by arranging flowers in this pedestal or by providing money for the monthly Flower Steward to undertake this task for them. This date can then be written into the Flower Rota on a yearly basis resulting in something practical being carried out in their loved one's memory each year.

If you would like to arrange flowers for someone special to you or perhaps to thank God for your marriage on your wedding anniversary each year, then please ask Roz Molloy (9226 8928) or Jenny Whiteside (9237 6333) to include you on the Flower Rota currently being drawn up for 2006.

## Mission of the Month **Tearfund**

TEAR Fund's principal objectives are to relieve poverty, suffering and distress and to prevent disease and ill health among the peoples of the world while promoting Christian education and evangelism.

TEAR fund aims to serve Jesus Christ by enabling those who share evangelical Christian beliefs to bring good news to the poor, proclaiming and demonstrating the gospel through the support of Christian relief and development, through a world-wide network of Christian partners.

TEAR Fund seeks to encourage our partnership in prayer and support, at all times trying to follow biblical teaching. Spiritual development of the organisation is an important focus, seeking integrated understanding of the role of partnership, prayer, biblical reflection and care in all areas of their activities.

TEAR Fund supporters gave £8.6 million for work after the tsunami disaster with another £15 million via the Disaster Relief Committee for a huge aid effort working with partners in 5 countries. At the other extreme, TEAR Fund is quietly working in Darfur (Sudan) and other trouble spots to bring vital help to thousands of people in desperate need.

**Christians changing the world**

## **Prayer** **Bookmark**

**GIVE THANKS** for generous donations for tsunami victims & pray for its wise use

**PRAY FOR** all the TEAR Fund workers and their many local partners in trouble spots of the world.

**THANK GOD** that missionaries and local churches can rely on TEAR Fund to rush emergency relief supplies.

**PRAY** for medical and educational work which depends on the support of TEAR Fund in Africa Asia & S. America.

**PRAISE GOD** for calling Matthew Frost (from DFES) to become the new CEO of TEAR Fund, and pray for him in this important and demanding role.



## Parish Prayer Bookmark

**GIVE THANKS** for the improved health of our vicar and pray for him as he resumes duties this month.

**PRAISE GOD** for the opportunity for special fellowship and study during Lent and pray for the home groups

**PRAY FOR** Wardens Ministry team, Project leadership team and PCC as they revise redevelopment plans.

**GIVE THANKS** for the Junior Church leaders and pray for all our younger members.

**PRAY FOR** the sick, lonely, or any going through crises, and for guidance for those who minister to them.

**PRAISE GOD** for all who help lead our music and worship on Sundays and pray that newcomers may be blessed here.



## Winter Parish Meetings

"An Overview of the Word of God",  
based on the 100-minute Bible.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
7.30 to 9 pm, in church

## Home Groups

### Evening Groups 19:30 to 21:00

Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>  
at 20 Crookhorn Lane  
(Tewsleys' )

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 1 Woodfield Avenue  
(Jolys' )

Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
at 30 Hilltop Crescent  
(Daphne Bevis )

Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>  
at 97, The Dale  
(Coles' )

### Afternoon group 13.30 - 15:00

Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
at 54 Deverell Place  
(Molly Ayling )

## Friday Fellowship

Friday fellowship meetings are from  
2 pm to 4 pm in the hall on  
3<sup>rd</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> March  
7<sup>th</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> April

## Parish Centre Project Update

Have you heard the good news? The Appeals committee, and many members of the parish, have been busy raising money for the Parish Centre project. Guess how much money is now available for the Project? Is it 20? ... 40? ... 60? NO! It's over £70,000. This is a great start. We're on our way! Keep up the good work.



Parish Centre Appeals Committee

## Widley Wanderers

We re-awaken Widley's wanderers and challenge them to get fit for the summer. We have planned a series of short walks to complete a journey around the Christ Church parish boundary.

The first two walks will commence from the Church car park at 2-15 pm .

**Walk 1.** Sunday 23rd April Church to Golf Club

**Walk 2.** Sunday 30th April Church to Old Widley Church

The remaining two walks will start from the Purbrook Car park behind the shops starting at 2 -15 pm.

**Walk 3.** Sunday 7th May Car park to Golf Club

**Walk 4.** Sunday 14th May Car park to Old Widley Church

*Co-ordinator Colin Dove.*

## Stamps and Cards

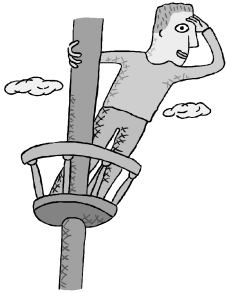
Don't forget to recycle your stamps and cards!  
Please put them in the labelled box at the back of church. Every one is worth money for The Leprosy Mission.



*Reg Taylor*

## A view from the Slopes

### News from the STETS Course



Yes I have changed the title! Perhaps it should be 'News from another Place!' As I write this, I have been at St John's Purbrook for some 6 weeks or so and I thought I would update you with progress on the STETS course at Salisbury.

So far we have completed 3 modules and three essays with module topics covering: An introduction to the Study of Scripture (Theology & Ministry in the Church's Mission), 'I will be your God' - theology based on the Old Testament (part 1) and, just finishing, Characteristics of God's Relationship with the World which includes Creation, God's love, theodicy or the consideration of the existence of evil in the world and, among other things, Liberation Theology! I think that you will agree that each module is an eclectic mix of topics but there is a common thread.

Although the study of theological issues is important, the main thrust is our formation as priests. What does this mean? Theology actually means the 'study of God' but can also mean 'talking with God', something we do everyday in our prayers. So as we study, our relationship with God deepens and a heightened awareness of God's presence personally and in the world develops. This understanding is of course not limited to students of theology or candidates for ordination but is available to everyone.

For example, take Home Groups where study is (or has been) taking place facilitated by the '100 minute Bible'. Naturally this Bible

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focuses on, and draws attention to, the great themes of the Word. You are in fact 'doing theology' (and very successfully I understand).

One of the purposes of Home Groups is to deepen our personal faith and our relationship with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit and this is a benefit of theology when accompanied by prayer. Of course you don't have to write an essay at the end of a Home Group series!

Outside academics we have to achieve various practical tasks that also contribute to our formation but I will talk more of these in another article. Can I thank you for your continued prayers which means much to me as I wrestle with yet more modules and essays during the evening hours?

*Yours in Christ,  
Trevor*

**From the editor...**

Welcome to the March edition of Portsdown Post. A packed magazine this month ..... so if your item is not included my apologies.

Why do you come to Christ Church? What prompted you to come along? What was your journey to Christianity like? Would you like to share this story with others? - If so do please get in touch .... A few volunteers would be much better than a few press ganged people.

Items for the April Magazine by **21st April** please

Please let me know your view — tell me in person, write to me, put a note in the "Magazine" pigeon hole in the church porch or drop me an email: [magazine@christchurchportsdown.org](mailto:magazine@christchurchportsdown.org) I look forward to hearing from you ...

*Nigel Wheatley, Editor*

## What's going on in the hall?

Have you wondered what goes on in the Church hall? Are you trying to plan a meeting, party, social or other event and want to find a free space?

Here is a list of the regular bookings for the hall - to make a booking or to check if the hall is free please contact Jackie Mumford or send an email to [hall.manager@christchurchportsdown.org](mailto:hall.manager@christchurchportsdown.org)

	Large Hall	Small Hall	Upper Room
<b>Sunday</b>			
Young Church 1st/3rd/5th Sunday	10.30 - 12.00	10.30 - 12.00	10.30 - 12.00
<b>Monday</b>			
CEFAA (occasional)		13.00 - 16.00	
Martial Arts	19:00 - 20:00	20:00 - 21:00	
Badminton	20:00 - 22:00		
Cycle Club			19:30 - 21:30
<b>Tuesday</b>			
Line Dancing	10:00 - 11.30		
Mothers Union—1st and 3rd		14:00 - 16:00	
Keal School of Dance	15:00 - 17:00		
Judo	19:30 - 22:00	20:00 - 21:00	
<b>Wednesday</b>			
Toddlers	10:00 - 12:00		
Singing	19:30 - 22:00		
<b>Thursday</b>			
Line Dancing	09.45- 11.45		
Badminton	13:30 - 15:30		
Ballroom Dancing	19:30 - 22:00		
Scottish Dancing		20:00 - 22:00	
<b>Friday</b>			
Friday Fellowship 1st and 3rd	13:30 - 16:00		
<b>Saturday</b>			
Men's Breakfast (occasional)	07.30 - 09.00		
Scrap Booking (1st)	09.00 - 16:30		

**A CONCERT OF CHORAL AND  
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

**BY MEMBERS OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

**SOUTH DOWNS COLLEGE**

**AT**

**CHRIST CHURCH PORTSDOWN**

**ON**

**THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2006 AT 7.30 PM**

**THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE**

**STABAT MATER  
( PERGOLESI )  
PIANO & CHAMBER CHOIR**

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**CONCERT FOR TWO HORNS  
( VIVALDI )**

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**REQUIEM  
( FAURE )  
COLLEGE CHOIR & ORGAN**

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**PLUS OTHER ITEMS.**

**ENTRANCE IS FREE**

**A RETIRING COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN IN AID OF THE FUNDS  
FOR THE PORTSDOWN PARISH CENTRE**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE END  
THE CONCERT WILL LAST APPROX. 1 HOUR 15 MINUTES**

**Spring Garden**

Do you require any well rotted manure for your flower beds and vegetable garden . If so please contact The Doves, we can deliver 10 bags for a £2.00 donation to the Childrens Society .

## **In Remembrance : Dot Campbell and Rose Singleton**

**Dorothy Mary "Dot" Campbell** died on 19th January 2006, aged 85  
My association with Dot was through the Senior Citizens' Club when she was secretary. Always I think of her as a very gentle and caring person.

At her funeral that is exactly how all her beloved family spoke of her. They mentioned her sense of humour, her courage in suffering and her faith. She kept a meticulous diary but had a cryptic way of not quite telling you everything! But above all there was the love Dot gave and received, and friendships shared.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to George and all who miss Dot but we give thanks to God for her life and the example she set.

**Rosalie "Rose" Singleton** died on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2005. Rose was a founder member of the Senior Citizens' Club and the treasurer for 25 years. She would not tolerate things done incorrectly and her bookkeeping was impeccable. At first I was a little in awe of her but Chairperson Dorrie assured me her bark was worse than her bite!

Rosalie had not had an easy life, knowing bereavements and loneliness in her early years. Being a tailoress working on naval jackets started her long association with needlework. She was a matriarch in the best sense, caring for each family member, young and old, taking an interest in all her grandchildren's activities. She never allowed her own infirmities to prevent giving out to everyone. Rosalie had a feisty side and would stick to her opinions no matter how good the opposing argument. She was one of the 'old school', brought up to bear stoically whatever befell in her life.

She received no great honours nor medals but the 30 family members so united at her funeral are her legacy - daughter Molly taking on her mantle. Whilst the original "Club" no longer exists, it was replaced by the Friday Fellowship, where friends still meet to enjoy each other's company, just like the original group which began 45 years ago. Rosalie's favourite hymn was "Stand up, stand up for Jesus" that ends "to him that overcometh, a crown of life shall be, who with the King of Glory shall reign eternally". Rejoice In Paradise, Rosalie !

*Cynthia Whittle.*

## **THANKS—Candlelight Supper**

Sheila Taylor would like to say a big thank you to all those who helped, supported and attended the candlelight supper in aid of the Children's Society. The event was a great success - £393.39 was raised for the society

### **Mothers Union Program**

Meetings in the Church Hall at 14:15 to 16:00 on a Tuesday

Mar 7th - The Dog Rose Summer - Hazel Farrell talks about her book

Mar 21st - To be arranged

Apr 4th - Easter Reflections with Revd Karen Schmidt

MU Corporate Communion is always on the last Wednesday of the month except for August and December.



### **Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 3rd March 2006**

Theme: Signs of the Times  
By: The Women of South Africa

Services:  
14:00 St Johns Purbrook  
Speaker: Rev Karen Schmidt

19:30 Christ Church Portsdown  
Speaker: TBA

For more information please contact  
Sheila King on

Or  
Norma Gibney



## AROUND THE PARISH

### 3 : EAST COSHAM SLOPES

PO6 2BE-Q Chalkridge Road (48), Courtmount Road (72)  
Cranborne Road (72), East Cosham Road, above Southdown (67)  
PO6 2DT-Z Colville Road (60), Widley Road (31)  
PO6 2DH-R St Georges Road (19) St Johns Road (35)  
St Matthews Road, above St Georges (53)  
PO6 2EB-D, Southdown Road (48)  
PO6 3ET London Road, north of St Georges Road (30)

This is the wholly residential area which is sometimes forgotten as part of the parish of Christ Church, Portsdown.



It is north of St. Colman's R.C. Church and stretches from London Road in the west to East Cosham Road in the east, being bordered to the south by St. Georges Road and Southdown Road. Several of our church members live in the "C" roads, and this area is well known to the funeral directors as part of our domain.

The only notable public building on these hill slopes is the Highgrove Veterinary Clinic, "where clients are friends and pets are family". It may only be known to parishioners whose pets needed help! Recently Mr Womar retired from this clinic and it was taken over by Mr Scott Craig.

The Cosham public library and the Red Lion public house are just outside our parish, but are used by some of our parishioners, while many of us visit the Cosham Baptist Church, on the Havant Road, for the Good News mobile library.

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This month let us remember :

All those who live 'over the hill' but are within the parish

Other church members who live on the hill slopes to the east

Pet owners who visit the vet clinic and those who work there

The staff and users of Cosham public library and the Red Lion

Our friends at St Colman's and Cosham Baptist Church

The Good News mobile library, visiting each month.

(From the editor - I am still working on the Map!!)

## **Ever wondered what the comma was for?**

During her talk on 19th February, Cynthia asked us all to really think about the Creed and not just to recite ... but we failed.

One of the lines says ... "Of all that is <comma> seen and unseen."

But in Church many people just go right past the comma and put their own in so we get ... "Of all that is seen <pause> and unseen"

Its not the same at all ... Of all that is—Everything - both seen and unseen .... As opposed to "Of all that is seen (oh ... and by the way the unseen stuff as well)"

Nigel—Campaign for getting the comma in the right place !!

### **For The Record**

For data privacy reasons this detail is excluded from the web version of the magazine - *Webmaster*"

## **A JUGGLING ACT**

Do you sometimes wish you had a third hand when having coffee after the morning service and try to balance cup, saucer and bag , papers etc. all at once?

It has been suggested that mugs would be so much easier ( and save on the washing up). The church mugs will be on sale and if each person who enjoys a cup of coffee were to buy one and donate it we would soon be able to return the cups and saucers to the church hall.

If you are too late and the church mugs have all been sold you could give a "nice" mug from home - not thick or with silly words on it but one we could happily give to a visitor.

If you don't want to juggle everything on a Sunday morning then do buy and give a mug!

*June Ames*

## **Parish Jumble Sale**

We have set a date for a Fund Raising Jumble Sale .

Please make a Special Note of **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May**. As always we need you first to spring clean those cupboards, then to volunteer to help collect together all of those unwanted items and finally to help Sell them in aid of the Parish Project. **Please start Today** .

Contact Colin Dove for more information.

## **More holy errors!**

From church newsletter cuttings and announcements at services!

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

## **Highlights of P.C.C. Meeting held on Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 2006**

**Future Dates:-** PCC March 13<sup>th</sup>. 2006, APCM March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2006

**Our Vicar:-** The Revd. Paul Norton is returning to work on March 1<sup>st</sup>. He thanks everyone for their continuing support and prayers.

**Kairos Parish Partnerships:-** Cluster group - There will be a Taize Evening service at St George's, Waterlooville on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Celebration for Easter at All Saints', Denmead on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. Pentecost Celebration at St. John's, Purbrook on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm

**Rear Car Park:-** A further quote was received for the hall rear car park in the sum of £3,044.00 + VAT. This is not viable as Church Funds cannot currently cover this cost. Patrick Whittle is working on a plan to obtain the necessary funds.

**Open Church:-** The Church will be open in April after Easter. Stewards will be required, please keep an eye open for the rota as many volunteers will be needed. Please put your name down to help with this task.

**Various Walks:-** are being arranged, (four in all) to take in the Parish Boundary.

**Christian Aid Week:-** This will be from May 14<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**APCM:-** This meeting will take place in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. The Election of two new members is required.

**Day of Prayer:-** A day of Prayer will be arranged by Cynthia Whittle for the APCM On the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2006

*Ann Dove - PCC Secretary*