

News and Notices

Patronal Festival— Today we are celebrating our Patron Saint, Mary with a variety of services. Please note **incense** will be used at 10am. At 6pm the autumn series of Evening services starts with Taize evening prayer and a talk about Mary, the unmarried, pregnant, teenager.

Heritage Weekend—Today the church will be open for special tours from 2.30pm and Bryan Jerrard will be doing a tour of Castle Street at 2.30pm, starting in the main castle car park.

Ladies Fellowship—Sorry ladies but Liz Nice has had to cancel the meeting for this week.

Lunchtime Concerts—A huge thank you to everyone who supported our successful Summer Concert series and especially to David Cain for organising a wonderful programme of performers. They raised £1144.17 which will be put towards the new organ.

Keeping in Touch—Please pick up your latest copy from the back of church, there's so many interesting things happening, you wouldn't want to miss out!

Holiday Club— The Holiday Club staff would like to thank everyone who prayed for them and gave games, books and craft materials. God bless you all

Social & Fundraising Team—Are you interested in joining the team or have an idea for either a social or fundraising event? Then please come along to the next meeting on Monday 25th September, 7.30pm at 25 Kilmiston Drive or speak to Jan Fuller and Wendy Pyatt.

Jute Close— There's still a bit more decorating to do so please speak to Jan and Tony Fuller if you can give them a helping hand.

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Upcoming Events for your Diary

SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER— TRINITY 14

- 8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Café Church
12.30pm Baptisms of Reggie Stevens and Eden Ives
6.00pm Evening Praise followed by...
6.30pm 'Extraordinary, ordinary saints'
2— Zechariah, the priest going through the motions...

Craft Group— at Margaret Andrews' house, re-starts this Tuesday, 12th September at 10am-12noon. All are welcome.

Messy Church—Begins again this Thursday at the Methodist Church. Please come along between 3.30pm-6.00pm for fun, food and friendship

Harp Concert - This is on Friday 22nd September at 7.30pm and will also star the wonderful flautist Anna Stokes. They will be performing, amongst other things the world premiere of 3 Sea shanties for Flute and Harp. Tickets are £8/£6 OAP.

Harvest Supper & Barndance— is on Saturday 23rd September at the Parish Hall from 7.00pm. Tickets are £12.50 which includes a two course meal and a live local band. There is a sign up list at the back of the church after the service or call in at the office during the week.

Pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey—This will be taking place on Saturday 14th October, the total cost is £20 and the coach will leave at 7.45am. Activities include prayer trails, morning Eucharist and Choral Evensong at the Abbey. Please see sign up sheet on the board or speak to Rev Anne for more details.

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2017

PATRONAL FESTIVAL



At St Mary's we are a people of Prayer, learning and growing in faith together. Our vision is to be a caring and welcoming church family who reach out with the love of God into our local community and the world.

THE CLERGY

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This Sunday

Welcome to St Mary's this morning!
Please stay for coffee and refreshments in
the new room after the 10 o'clock service.

- 8.00am Holy Communion with hymns
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
- 12.30pm Baptism of Evie Zealand
- 2.30pm House group leaders meeting
(Parish Hall)
- 2.30pm Tours of the Church
- 2.30pm Guided Tour of Castle Street
- 6.00pm Taize evening prayer followed by...
- 6.30pm 'Extraordinary, ordinary saints'
1—The teenage, unmarried, mother

Collect for our Patronal Festival

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness
of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to
be the mother of your only Son: grant that we
who are redeemed by his blood may share
with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 61. 10-11
Galatians 4. 4-7
Luke 1. 46-55

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Exodus 14. 19-end
Romans 14. 1-12
Matthew 18. 21-35

Dates for Next Week

Morning Prayer at 9am Monday to Friday

MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

MPR: Psalm 126/Proverbs 25.1-14
6.15pm Bell Ringing

TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

MPR: Psalm 132/Proverbs 25.15-end
7.30pm Steps to recovery

WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

MPR: Psalm 119.153-end/Proverbs 26.12-end
10am –12noon Market outreach stall (Precinct)
10.30am St. Mary's Lambs (New Room)
6.30pm Holy Communion
6.45pm Alpha Course

THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER—HOLY CROSS DAY

MPR: Psalm 2/Genesis 3.1-15
9.30am Staff Meeting
3.30pm Messy Church (Methodist Church)
7.30pm Choir Practice
7.30pm Standing Committee

FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

MPR: Psalm 144/Proverbs 30.1-9, 24-31
10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)
1.00pm Wedding of Robert Watson and
Samantha Churchley
7.30pm Exploring Baptism (3) (Parish Hall)

SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

MPR: Psalm 147/Proverbs 31.10-end
1.30pm Wedding of Samuel Moon and
Sarah-Jane Antell

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This Week's Prayers

**Please remember the following in your prayers:
for this parish** - Pray for Rev Ian and all our clergy,
for our readers, churchwardens and the PCC. Let us
pray for the Alpha Course which starts this week,
for all those involved and those attending, that they
may journey and grow together over the coming
weeks.

for other churches in the Fareham Deanery -

For the Parish of Holy Trinity with St Columba,
Fareham, their clergy especially Rev Garry as he
prepares to leave the Parish in December, readers,
Community Worker and Children and Families Link
Coordinator. Let us also give thanks for the growth
of friendships through the holiday club and for the
ministry of choirs, musicians and volunteers who
clean, garden and work in the Hub.

for our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) -

Coverack Way, Hill View Road, The Queensway,
Nyewood Avenue and Cooper Grove.

for the world around us— We continue to pray
for all those affected by the Atlantic Hurricanes,
some of the worst since records began but
especially those in the Caribbean islands of
Antigua and Barbuda.

for those who are ill - Margaret Andrews, Vic
Charles, Gill Dempster, Adele King, Clare Langridge,
Katie Palmer and Pat Poil.

for those who have died— William Staples, Ernest
(John) Arrowsmith.

*If you know of anyone in the parish who is ill,
please let one of the Ministry Team know.*

'Let us learn from the Virgin Mary how to be
bolder in obeying the Word of God'

(Pope Francis)