

News and Notices

Pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey— The coach will be leaving at 7.45am from the Castle Car Park and will leave Westminster Abbey at approx. 4.30pm.

Car Parking—Please be reminded that you can only park within the Castle grounds if you have a blue badge or a St. Mary's pass. This must be displayed on your dashboard at all times. If you feel you need a pass then please speak to Hazel Powlesland or Wendy Pyatt.

Unwanted Jewellery—Do you have any unwanted gold and silver jewellery? Colleen Webster will once again be collecting it to help raise money for the Building Fund. Please contact her on 07984 349436.

Christian Resources Exhibition—is on Thursday 19th October. Anyone who would like to go please confirm with the office or Rev Ian.

Tickets are free and transport will be arranged.

'Newcomers Meal' - is on Friday 3rd November. Would those who are coming (both hosts and guests) please RSVP to office or Rev Ian asap but by 22nd October at latest. Anyone who has recently started to attend St Mary's and has not received an invitation is welcome to come. Please see Rev Ian for details.

The Labyrinth—Liz Smith is running the Great South run on 23rd October to raise funds for a memorial stone which will be placed in the centre of the Labyrinth telling people what it is used for. Sponsor forms are available in church or see Wendy in the office.

Shoe Box Appeal—If you wish to take part this Christmas please speak to Hazel Powlesland for more details. All boxes should be completed and returned to her by Sunday 22nd October.

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Reformation Month

Rev Ian's illustrated talk this Thursday will be about Martin Luther himself, 'The monk who shook the world'. Next Sunday we will be joined by Rev Tapani Simojoki from Fareham Lutheran Church who will be singing Lutheran Vespers with us and giving a talk on the second Solas, 'In Christ alone'.

Dates for your Diary

Men's Breakfast—This is usually held on the 2nd Saturday of each month but men, please note that the next meeting will be on the 21st October (3rd Saturday). Bob Jay will be talking about The Boys Brigade amongst other things!

Healing Day— This is on Saturday 18th November at Portsmouth Cathedral. It is a day for those interested in Christian healing ministry and includes workshops, talks and a healing service. For more information and an application please see the noticeboard at the back of church.

Fundraising Events

Brass Band Concert— The Solent Area Fellowship Band are staging a concert at St. Mary's Church on Friday, 27th October at 7.30pm in aid of the Friends' of St. Mary's. Tickets are priced £8/£5 concessions, please contact the Church Office, Patsy Munks (02392 325691) or David Williams (02392 387869). Cheques should be made payable to 'Friends of St. Marys Church'

O Sole Mio— This lovely restaurant in Port Solent will once again be holding a fundraising Italian Meal for us on Friday 17th November at 7pm. Tickets will be £22 and the menu will be the same as last time. Tickets are now available from the Church Office.

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2017

TRINITY 17



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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For Churchwardens, Readers and other contacts see 'Who's Who' on notice board.

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Do call in if you'd like information on any aspect of parish life, to buy tickets for an event, or to book a baptism or a wedding.

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This Sunday

Welcome to St Mary's this morning!
Please stay for refreshments in the New Room after the 10 o'clock service.

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
12noon Burial of Ashes for Jerrold Perry
12.30pm Baptism of Jacob Hart
6.00pm Choral Evensong followed by the 5 Solas - 1) 'Scripture alone'

Collect for Trinity 17

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Exodus 20. 1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Philippians 3. 4b-14
Matthew 21. 33-end

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Exodus 32. 1-14
Philippians 4. 1-9
Matthew 22. 1-14

Dates for Next Week

Morning Prayer at 9am Monday to Friday

MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER

MPR: Psalm 71/2 Chronicles 9.1-12
11.30am Schools Team at Castle Primary
6.15pm Bell Ringing

TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER

MPR: Psalm 73/2 Chronicles 10.1-11.4
7.30pm Steps to recovery

WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER—ETHELBURGA

MPR: Psalm 77/2 Chronicles 12
10.30am St. Mary's Lambs (New Room)
2.35pm Schools Team at Red Barn School
6.30pm Holy Communion
6.45pm Alpha Course

THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER

MPR: Psalm 78.1-39/2 Chronicles 13.1-14.1
9.30am Staff Meeting (New Room)
3.30pm Messy Church (Methodist Church)
7.15pm Choir Practice
7.30pm Reformation Talk (Methodist Church)
'The monk who shook the world'.

FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER—EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

MPR: Psalm 55/2 Chronicles 14.2-end
10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)
3.00pm Pastoral Assistants Meeting (Vicarage)

SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER

MPR: Psalm 76/2 Chronicles 15.1-15
7.45am Trip to Westminster Abbey

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER—TRINITY 18

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
6.00pm Lutheran Vespers followed by the 5 Solas - 2) 'In Christ Alone'

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 those attending the Pilgrimage Day that they may find it a time of reflection and renewal.

for other churches in the Fareham Deanery - For the Parish of Ss Peter & Paul and St Francis, Fareham, for their clergy, church wardens, altar servers, singing group, organists, intercessors, lesson readers and all who contribute to and enhance the offering of worship. Let us also pray for those who are housebound, in care homes or hospital but are usually members of their worshipping community.

for our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) - Nelson Avenue, Beachway, Rogate Gardens and Island View Walk.

for the world around us— Let us pray for the tragic shooting in Las Vegas, for the injured and for all those who have lost loved ones.

for those who are ill - Vic Charles, Clare Langridge, Pat Poil and Dorothy Whittingham.

for those who have died— In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust those who have died this week.

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

'We ought not to criticize, explain, or judge the Scriptures by our mere reason, but diligently, with prayer, meditate thereon, and seek their meaning.'
(Martin Luther)