

## News and Notices

### What's happening in January?

**Craft Group**— at Margaret Andrews' house will re-start this Tuesday 9th January, 10am-12pm.

**Messy Church**— restarts at The Methodist Church this Thursday 11th January at 3.30pm. Come along for fun, food and friendship.

**Men's Breakfast**—The next meeting will be on Saturday 13th January. George Mullen, a member of our congregation will be speaking about The Royal Navy Benevolent Fund.

**Skittles Evening**— Please note the date for this has been changed! It will now be on Friday 2nd February at 7pm, here in the church with a bring and share meal. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church, please say what food you will be bringing so it's not all Pringles and sausage rolls!

**Angola**—On Sunday 28th January at 6pm, Liz Nice will be giving a presentation on her trip to Angola. It will be in the New Room and everyone is welcome to come along.

**Discipleship Explored**— This will be starting on Tuesday 30th January at 7.30pm and will be for 9 weeks. Please speak to Brian Kay or Rev Ian for more details.

**Theological Reflection Group**— There will not be a meeting in January as it's a bit close to the holidays. The next meeting will be on Thursday 1st February at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

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**New Address**—Sheila Gardner has now moved to 9 Postern Close but will be keeping the same phone number. She would like to say she is very grateful for everyone's support.

**Evelyn Richardson** - of Quintrel Avenue, former member of St Mary's church has died. Her funeral will be in church on Wednesday 17th January at 12.30am and the family has invited anyone who remembers her to attend.

**Duty Wardens**— There are occasions when the churchwardens cannot be with us so they are looking for willing volunteers to help oversee the smooth running of services and read out notices etc. If you are interested please speak to Hazel Powlesland for more details.



**Tea and Coffee**— We all enjoy our refreshments after the 10am Sunday service but could you lend a hand in making them as some people have dropped out. Please speak to Hazel Powlesland for more details.



SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY 2018

EPIPHANY

St Mary's



Portchester

*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.*

### PARISH OFFICE

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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 10.00am service.

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School  
2.15pm Tea and Company (Parish Hall)

### Collect for Epiphany

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 60. 1-6  
Ephesians 3. 1-12  
Matthew 2. 1-12

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 3. 1-10 (11-20)  
Revelation 5. 1-10  
John 1. 43-end

## Dates for Next Week

### Morning Prayer at 9am Monday to Friday

#### **MONDAY 8TH JANUARY**

MPR: Psalm 2/Matthew 21.1-17  
6.15pm Bell Ringing

#### **TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY**

MPR: Psalm 9/Matthew 21.18-32  
7.30pm Christmas Review Meeting (Vicarage)

#### **WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY—WILLIAM LAUD**

MPR: Psalm 20/Matthew 21.33-end  
10.30pm St. Mary's Lambs (New Room)  
1.30pm Ladies Fellowship at 42 The Keep  
6.30pm Holy Communion

#### **THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY**

MPR: Psalm 21/Matthew 22.1-14  
9.30am Staff Meeting  
12.30pm Church Funeral for Ivy Attfield  
3.30pm Messy Church (Methodist)  
7.30pm Choir Practice

#### **FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY—BENEDICT BISCOP**

MPR: Psalm 67/Matthew 22.15-33  
10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)  
7.30pm Exploring Baptism (2) (Parish Hall)

#### **SATURDAY 13TH JANUARY**

MPR: Psalm 33/Matthew 22.34-end  
8.00am Men's Breakfast with George Mullen

#### **SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY—EPIPHANY 2**

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School  
12.00pm Burial of Ashes for Arthur Curtis

## This Week's Prayers

**Please remember the following in your prayers: for this parish** - Let us pray for Rev Ian and all our clergy, for our readers, churchwardens, members of the PCC and for the families who are attending Exploring Baptism.

**for other churches in the Fareham Deanery** - For Whiteley Church, their staff and churchwardens. Let us give thanks for all the opportunities to make contact with the community over the Advent and Christmas season especially through the sheep trail and carol singing. Let us pray for their new pattern of Sunday worship, particularly 'Outside the Box' Sundays.

**for our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent)** - Kenya Road, Olive Crescent, Portsvie Avenue, Coverack Way and Conifer Mews.

**for the world around us**— for the unrest and demonstrations in Iran, let us pray that a more peaceful resolution may be found.

**for those who are ill** - Kelly Avery, Vic Charles, Tony Fuller, Hannah Palmer, Pat Poil and Jill Pyatt.

**for those who have died**— Ivy Attfield, John Ogg, Brenda Pragnell and Mary Price

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

'The best prayer is to rest in the goodness of God knowing that, that goodness can reach right down to our lowest depths of need'  
(Julian of Norwich)