

News and Notices

Praise Service—next Sunday at our 10am service there will be a guest speaker, Malcolm Rothwell, who will be talking about how he found God in the London Marathon. The service will also include 3 adult baptisms but no Eucharist, this will be held at 6pm instead.

Prayer morning— for 'Renewing the Vision' will be held next Saturday 17th Feb from 10am until 12noon at Jan Fuller's house, 25 Kilmiston Drive.

Passover Meal—will be on Saturday 24th March in The Parish Hall, 6.30pm for 7pm start. Tickets are £7, please see Samia Hubble to book as there are still places available.

Lyn Wasbrough— for those who may remember Lyn, she was at one time a regular attender at St. Mary's, sadly she has passed away and her funeral is Friday 23rd February at 1.45pm at Portchester Crematorium.

St Mary's Bible Book Club— This group will start meeting monthly from Thursday 8th March at 7pm at Jan Fuller's house, 25 Kilmiston Drive. The first book they will be looking at is Esther.

The Bible and The British Museum— this presentation will be at St. Mary's on Friday 11th May at 7pm. The speaker is Mark Hendley and he will be illustrating Biblical history using examples of artefacts from the Museum. This replaces the visit planned for 17th March.

House wanted to rent—A lady in our church with 3 children and a dog is looking to rent a three-bedroomed house with garden. If you can help or know of anyone, please contact Tanya Simpson on 02392 349124/07773 6840904. Rev Ian can supply a reference.

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Confirmation— We have four people interested in being confirmed at the Cathedral on Easter Eve, Saturday 31st March. If you are thinking of this, please contact Rev Ian as we will be starting a group in the next few weeks.

Children and Communion— If your child is aged 7 or over and you would like them to receive Communion prior to confirmation, this is possible. We would like to start a group for them too, so please speak to Rev Ian if you are interested.

The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines—This concert will be on Friday 4th May at 7.30pm, tickets are £12.50 and will be available soon but only 2 tickets per person.

GDPR—what? The new data protection rules are coming into force on May 25th and **YES** this could affect you! If you are or have been involved with house groups, pastoral work, children's activities etc. or you have old copies of church directories, electoral rolls, peoples personal data or photographs of anyone then you need to know how to comply! **PLEASE NOTE** we will be holding a meeting in the New Room but the date has had to be re-arranged so we will let you all know in due course. For more details speak to Jan Fuller, Hazel Powlesland or Wendy Pyatt.

Real Easter Eggs—David Williams is organising the Real Easter Egg Campaign again this year. There is one to suit all needs and pockets, including special editions and a Sharing Box. David will contact those who ordered last year and there is also a sign up sheet in the New Room. He intends to order by mid-February so please ensure you sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2018

SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

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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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
12.00pm Burial of ashes for Ronald Hatton

Collect for the Sunday before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

8am 2 Kings 2. 1-12 **10am** Haggai 2. 1-9
2 Corinthians 4. 3-6
Mark 9. 2-9

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 9. 8-17
1 Peter 3. 18-end
Mark 1. 9-15

Dates for Next Week

Morning Prayer at 9am Monday to Friday

MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

MPR: Psalm 30/Genesis 37.1-11

6.15pm Bell Ringing
7.00pm Christianity Unlocked (2)
(25 Kilmiston Drive)

TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY—SHROVE TUESDAY

MPR: Psalm 36/Genesis 37.12-end

12.45pm Funeral for Edna Walkley
6.00pm All Age worship followed by
Pancake Party!
7.30pm Discipleship Explored (3)
(61 Cornaway Lane)

WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY—ASH WEDNESDAY

MPR: Psalm 38/Daniel 9.3-6, 17-19

10.30pm **NO** St. Mary's Lambs (Half Term)
7.30pm Sung Eucharist with imposition of ashes

THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

MPR: Psalm 77/Genesis 39

9.30am Staff Meeting (New Room)
7.30pm Standing Committee
7.30pm **NO** Choir Practice

FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

MPR: Psalm 3/Genesis 40

10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)

SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

MPR: Psalm 71/Genesis 41.1-24

10am-12pm Prayers for Renewing the Vision
(25 Kilmiston Drive)
10.00am Wedding Preparation (New Room)
1.30pm Wedding of Joe Young & Lauren Paul
SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY—LENT 1
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Praise Service (no Eucharist)
2.15pm Tea and Company Two
6.00pm Holy Communion

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, treasurer members of the PCC and for a time of learning and growth for us all during Lent.

for other churches in the Fareham Deanery -

For our own Parish, let us ask for wisdom as we plan for an alternative Sunday morning service and for guidance as we meet with the architect to discuss plans for the building. Let us praise God for a successful Café Church in January and pray that volunteers will come forward to help with our ideas. Let us pray for those adults going forward for baptism this month and confirmation on Easter Eve.

for our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) -

Morningside Avenue, Simpson Close, Garden Court, Mullion Close and Wicor Path.

for the world around us— Let us pray for all those in the city of Hualien, Taiwan, which suffered an Earthquake this week.

for those who are ill - Kelly Avery, Pat Poil, John Pragnell, Jill Pyatt and Pat Robbins.

for those who have died— Vic Charles, Anne Commins and Lyn Wasbrough

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

The flowers this week are in memory of
Richard Withinshaw

'Lent....a time for focussing on the heart, a time for asking questions about our spiritual health.'
(Craig R. Higgins)