

News and Notices

APCM -(Annual Parochial Church Meeting)
Sunday 15th April 2017 at 11.45am in Church.
Please check your name is listed on the current Electoral Roll as this entitles you to attend the APCM, take part in the proceedings, vote and have your say. Today (Sunday) is the last day it will be displayed after which no names can be added.

APCM Nominations - for Churchwardens, PCC members and Sidespeople. Forms are available at the back of church or from Denise Simmons PCC secretary, and should be returned to the folder on the notice board by Sunday 8th April.

Halabja Memorial Ceremony—to remember the Kurdish victims of genocide will be held next Friday 16th March at 12noon in The Garden of Hope at the D-Day Museum, Southsea. For more information contact Brian Futchter on 07947 458861 or kurds@smora.co.uk

Angola—Liz Nice invites you to afternoon tea in the New Room this Friday 16th March, 3.15pm till 5.00pm, to meet Fiona & David and hear more about their Angolan Missions, all are welcome.

Coffee Morning—Sheila Gardner will be hosting this at her house on Friday 23rd March between 10am-12pm. There will be jams, marmalade and most importantly cake for sale!

St George's Night— on Friday 20th April, here in church there will be a fundraising evening including a meal to celebrate St. George. If you are interested in attending please speak to Richard Andrews for more details.

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Malcolm Rothwell's book 'Running in the Race' - For those of you who were disappointed and did not get a book after his visit, there are more copies for sale, price £5 at the back of the church.
Christian Aid Week—is the 14th-19th May. Are there any volunteers willing to collect in Portchester Precinct on Wednesday 16th May and Saturday 19th May in the morning, please? Alternatively and under cover, collectors are needed in Fareham Precinct all that week. On Sunday 20th May there is a sponsored walk for Christian Aid from Wickham. Please speak to Valerie Agar for more information 02392 613279 or vagar44@yahoo.co.uk

Wedding Fayre—will be held in church on Saturday 24th March 11am-3pm. So if you know anyone getting married soon please invite them to come along. Help is needed for setting up on Friday 23rd March and taking down on the Saturday. If you can help please speak to Angela Parker.

Also the Saturday Teashop team would be grateful of any donations of cakes to sell during the Wedding Fayre as it will be an extra busy day for them. Please contact Judy Sherry 02392 324772, if you can help. Many thanks.

Poppies Wave—Between 13th April—24th June Fort Nelson will be hosting the Poppies Wave, the sculpture is made of 11,000 ceramic poppies. They are looking for volunteers to welcome and guide visitors along the designated walkway and their visit to the museum. To register an interest email volunteering@armouries.org.uk or call Caroline on 01329 848516.

SUNDAY 11TH MARCH 2018

MOTHERING SUNDAY

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.

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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
6.00pm Healing Service

Collect for Mothering Sunday

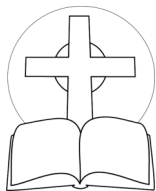
God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 1. 20—end
Colossians 3. 12-17
John 19. 25b-27

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 31. 31-34
Hebrews 5. 5-10
John 12. 20-33



Dates for Next Week

Morning Prayer at 9am Monday to Friday

MONDAY 12TH MARCH

MPR: Psalm 77/Exodus 2.11-22

6.15pm Bell Ringing
7.00pm Christianity Unlocked (6)
(25 Kilmiston Drive)

TUESDAY 13TH MARCH

MPR: Psalm 79/Exodus 2.23-3.20

7.30pm Discipleship Explored (7)
(61 Cornaway Lane)
7.30pm Churches Together Lent Course (4)
(Portchester Methodist)
7.30pm GDPR Meeting (New Room)

WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH

MPR: Psalm 90/Exodus 4.1-23

10.30pm St. Mary's Lambs
12noon Churches Together Lent Lunch
(Portchester Methodist)
6.30pm Holy Communion

THURSDAY 15TH MARCH

MPR: Psalm 86/Exodus 4.27-6.1

7.30pm Choir Practice
7.30pm PCC Meeting

FRIDAY 16TH MARCH

MPR: Psalm 102/Exodus 6.2-13

10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)
12.00pm Halabja Memorial Ceremony
(D-Day Museum)
3.15pm Afternoon tea with the Nice's (New Room)
7.00pm Wedding Preparation (New Room)

SATURDAY 17TH MARCH

MPR: Psalm 32/Exodus 7.8-end

SUNDAY 18TH MARCH—PASSION SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
12.30pm Baptism of Amelia Anson
2.15pm Tea and Company Two
6.00pm Taize style worship followed by Soulmaking—
'Fasting'

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 the Parish of Holy Rood & St Edmunds, Crofton, their clergy, readers, churchwardens and team leaders. Let us pray for their 2020 Vision, which aims to help people into a deeper relationship with Jesus and let us give thanks for a successful Alpha course and the relaunch of their children and families ministry under the banner of Crofton Kids.

for our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) - Hollywell Drive, Quintrel Avenue, Marina Grove, Nelson Lane and Rockingham Way.

for the world around us— Let us pray for women everywhere who are mothers, especially for those who may have difficult relationships and for those who long to be mothers but as yet have not had their own children.

for those who are ill - Kelly Avery, Vi and Peter Crofts, Robbie Curtis, Sally James, Wendy Lakeland, Michael Pearce and Pat Poil.

for those who have died— John Pragnell

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

As a mother protects her children, watching over them and ready if necessary to sacrifice herself for their sakes, so you Lord protect, your arms constantly encircling us, your hands delivering us from harm. For the intensity of your love, Lord Jesus we thank you.