

News and Notices

Prayer— If you are interested in learning more about prayer, then please come along to the new series of evening services which will be starting tonight Sunday 15th April at 6pm with a Taize style service.

A Different Day— will be taking place this Tuesday, everyone is welcome to come along for games, crafts or just a friendly chat. If you would like fish and chips the price is £3.50 so please let the Church Office or Jan Fuller know.

Rambling—The church ramblers are walking around Langstone on Saturday 21st of April. Meeting at The Ship Inn car park at 10am prompt, the walk is approx. 4 miles and takes 2-2.5 hours to complete. We will then go back to The Ship Inn or Royal Oak for lunch. For more details please speak to Ann Hawker.

Car Parking—Please note that only people with disabled blue badges or St. Mary's passes should park within the castle grounds. These **MUST** be displayed on your dashboard at all times. Last week there were 9 cars parked without any passes showing, these may have been members of the public who have sneaked in but it is causing a problem for the castle staff. Therefore in order to park by the church you **MUST** arrive before the service starts as one half of the gate will now be closed by around 10.15am.

Edinburgh Woollen Mill— The fashion show will be returning again this year on Wednesday 16th May at 2pm in church. It's not just for ladies this year as there will also be male models! Tickets are £5, which includes a cream tea and are available **NOW** from the church office.

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GDPR forms— Please remember to return your consent forms by Sunday 6th May, otherwise Wendy Pyatt will have to chase you! It is very important if you wish us to stay in touch with you.

Sunday 29th April—Please note there will be an event taking place within the Castle grounds starting around 10am. Those with blue badges and St. Mary's passes will still be allowed to park within the grounds but please be aware that the other car parks are likely to be busy so please arrive a bit earlier than normal if you want a parking space. The 10am service will be an All Age Non-Eucharistic service, with a Eucharist Service at 6pm instead.

Ascension Day—On Thursday 10th May at 7.30pm we will be hosting the Deanery Ascension Day Eucharist Service, everyone is welcome and we will also have a choir of around 40 people coming from across the Deanery. Incense will be used at this service.

Bringing the British Museum to Portchester—On Friday 11th May, here in church, Mark Hendley from the British Museum will be giving a talk on Biblical history using examples of artefacts from the museum. Entry is FREE with a retiring collection and includes refreshments!

Poppies Wave—will be open at Fort Nelson until 24th June and commemorates the centenary of the First World War. If you would like to volunteer please contact Caroline Oswald on 01329 848516 or email volunteering@armouries.org.uk



SUNDAY 15TH APRIL 2018

EASTER 3

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.

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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
- 11.45am APCM
- 1.30pm Baptisms of Harry Wrenn and Charlie Reeder
- 2.15pm Tea and Company Two (Parish Hall)
- 6.00pm Taize Evening Service followed by 'Prayer: connecting with God'
 - 1) Jesus: man of prayer

Collect for Easter 3

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 3. 12-19
1 John 3. 1-7
Luke 24. 36b-48

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 4. 5-12
1 John 3. 16-end
John 10. 11-18

Dates for This Week

Morning Prayer at 9am Monday to Friday

MONDAY 16TH APRIL

MPR: Psalm 96/Luke 1.1-25

6.15pm Bell Ringing

TUESDAY 17TH APRIL

MPR: Psalm 98/Luke 1.26-38

10am until 4pm— 'A Different Day'

WEDNESDAY 18TH APRIL

MPR: Psalm 105/Luke 1.39-56

10.30pm St. Mary's Lambs (New Room)

2.30pm Service at Carleen Nursing Home

6.30pm Holy Communion

THURSDAY 19TH APRIL

MPR: Psalm 136/Luke 1.57-end

1.30pm Wedding of Christopher Collins and

Zoe Gladding

7.30pm Choir Practice

FRIDAY 20TH APRIL

MPR: Psalm 107/Luke 2.1-20

10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)

11.00am Church Funeral of Diana Clarke

2.00pm Wedding of Keith Harris and Heather Pearce

3.30pm Pastoral Assistants Meeting (Vicarage)

6.30pm St George's Day Dinner

SATURDAY 21ST APRIL

MPR: Psalm 110/Luke 2.21-40

10.00am Church Ramble at Langstone

SUNDAY 22ND APRIL—EASTER 4

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist with guest preacher: Rev Bernard Dinkelaker, Lutheran Pastor from Studgart, Germany (friend of Rev Trevor)

12.30pm Baptism of Essie Ging

4.00pm House Group Leaders Meeting (Parish Hall)

6.00pm Evening Service followed by 'Prayer: connecting with God'

- 2) What is Prayer?

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 all those couples who will be married here during the coming year.

for other churches in the Fareham Deanery -

For the Parish of St John the Baptist, Locks Heath, for their clergy, churchwardens, readers, vergers, for those considering positions on the PCC and all those involved in their new Alpha course starting in May. Let us also pray for wisdom and guidance in advertising for a Children and Families Team leader and for the necessary funding for this need.

for our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) -

Froxfield Gardens, Leckford Close, Mullion Close, Harting Gardens and Jubilee Road.

for the world around us— Let us pray that a peaceful solution can be found to the rising tensions with Syria following on from the suspected chemical attack last weekend.

for those who are ill - Kelly Avery, Vi and Peter Crofts, Sally James, Wendy Lakeland, Kenny Morgan, Michael Pearce, Pat Poil and Jacqui Wheatley

for those who have died— Audrey Watts and Kenneth White

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

Before you speak,
let your words pass through three gates:
Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind?