

News and Notices

Prayer Group—for the Persecuted Church will be meeting this Friday 11th May starting at 2.30pm at 10 Portchester Heights. The focus will be on the church in Central Asia. Please speak to Sally Nguyen for more details.

Christian Aid Week—is the 14th-19th May. If you are able to help with collections either in Portchester on Wednesday 16th May, Saturday 19th May in the morning or in Fareham all week, then please speak to Valerie Agar for more information on 02392 613279 or vagar44@yahoo.co.uk

Cake Sale—St Mary's Lambs will be holding a cake sale for Christian Aid on Wednesday 16th May. Everyone is welcome to come along and if anyone fancies making a cake, then bring that along too!

Kelly Avery—has been on our prayer list for several months now and you'll be pleased to know she has been given the all clear. Liz would like to say thank you to everyone for all your prayers.

Sunday afternoon Tearoom— Hazel Powlesland says 'Thank you to those who have volunteered for the tea room on Sunday afternoons, its been fantastic as we have been open every week. I now need to fill in the calendar for the rest of the year, can you help?'

Archdeacon's Visitation—Tony Fuller and Hazel Powlesland will be taking their oath as churchwardens on Wednesday 13th June at 7.00pm in All Saints Church, Botley. All are welcome to attend this service.

Plants—Don't forget if you're an avid gardener and are growing veggies or plants, please do a few extras (if you can) for this year's Gala stall.

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Ascension Day—This 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— Next 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! The talk starts at 7pm.

Edinburgh Woollen Mill— The fashion show is returning again 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.

Ladies Night—is Friday 1st June, 6.30pm for 7pm in The Parish Hall. Tickets are £5 and include a 3 course meal. The speakers this year will be Jeanette Hayward talking about 'Walking in Faith with Cancer' and Jill Phipps who started Different Day in Portsmouth talking on 'Ministry of Cake'
Afternoon Tea— On Saturday 23rd June, Bryan Jerrard will be arranging the annual trip for our senior members to Stansted House, Blossoms Café for a cream tea. More details will follow later or speak directly to Bryan.

Cheques— Just a reminder that cheques must be made payable to St. Mary's P.C.C. If you do make an error on the payee line, Lloyds Bank will not accept a correction even if it is initialled. So unfortunately you will have to provide a fresh cheque.

SUNDAY 6TH MAY 2018

ROGATION 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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This Sunday

Welcome to St Mary's this morning!
Please stay for refreshments in the New Room after the 10.00am service.

8.00am	Said Matins with hymns
10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
12.00pm	Burial of ashes for Bobbie Nicholson
2.15pm	Tea and Company (Parish Hall)
2.30pm	Wedding of Melville Rees and Sharon Collins
6.00pm	Praise Service followed by 'Prayer: connecting with God' 4) How to Pray

Collect for Easter 6

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 55. 1-11 (8am)
Acts 10. 44-end
1 John 5. 1-6
John 15. 9-17

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 1. 15-17, 21-end
1 John 5. 9-13
John 17. 6-19

Dates for This Week

Morning Prayer at 9am Monday to Friday

MONDAY 7TH MAY—BANK HOLIDAY

MPR: Psalm 65/Luke 6.27-38
6.15pm NO Bell Ringing

TUESDAY 8TH MAY

MPR: Psalm 126/Luke 6.39-end

WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY

MPR: Psalm 132/Luke 7.1-10
10.30pm St. Mary's Lambs (New Room)
12noon Burial of Ashes for Joan Mundy
6.30pm Holy Communion
7.30pm Standing Committee

THURSDAY 10TH MAY—ASCENSION DAY

MPR: Psalm 110/Isaiah 52.7-end
3.30pm Messy Church (Methodist Church)
7.30pm Deanery Ascension Day Service

FRIDAY 11TH MAY

MPR: Psalm 81/Exodus 35.30-36.1
10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)
2.30pm Prayers for the Persecuted Church
(10 Portchester Heights)
7.00pm British Museum comes to Portchester
7.30pm Exploring Baptism (1) (Parish Hall)

SATURDAY 12TH MAY

MPR: Psalm 47/Numbers 11.16-17 & 24-29
8.00am Men's Breakfast—Alf Gapper
12.00pm Wedding of Benjamin Monckton and Cassie White
3.00pm Wedding of Philip La Roche and Tina Dunning

SUNDAY 13TH MAY—EASTER 7

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
12.30pm Baptism of Rafe Brown
6.00pm Healing Service

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:

for this parish - Let us pray for Rev Ian as he takes up his new position as Area Dean of Fareham, and for all our clergy, for our readers, churchwardens, treasurer, Parish Administrator and members of the PCC.

for other churches in the Fareham Deanery - For the Parish of Ss Peter & Paul and St Francis, Fareham, for their clergy, churchwardens, new PCC and the success of their local 'Leading your church into growth' programme. Let us give thanks for the privilege of sharing our pilgrimage of faith together.

for our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) - King George Road, Dore Avenue, Westbrook Road, Tudor Close and Port Way.

for the world around us— For the families and friends of those killed and injured in a church, whilst celebrating mass in the Central African Town of Bangui.

for those who are ill - Bronwen Clark, Vi and Peter Crofts, Sally James, Joyce Knight, Wendy Lakeland, Michael Pearce, Pat Poil, Ron Sharp and Jacqui Wheatley.

for those who have died— Rosamond Spacey

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

'So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand.'
(Isaiah 41:10)