

News and Notices

Lunchtime Concert—This week we see the return of violinist Fumi Otsuki accompanied by Georgios Vardakis. Come along and hear music by Vaughan Williams, Boulanger & Debussy.

Barn Dance— Unfortunately this has now been cancelled, due to lack of ticket sales.

Fruit— If you have any surplus fruit in your garden then please let Sheila Gardiner know, she can turn it into jam! It will then be sold in aid of the Building Fund.

Chalice Assistants— would you like to help distribute the communion wine at our services? Those who do say it feels an honour to serve the Lord in this way, so if you are interested please speak to Rev Ian, Jan Fuller or Hazel Powlesland.

Joyce Knight—would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during her illness. She is now at home and is progressing towards a full recovery.

Alpha Course—this year's course starts on Thursday 13th September and will be held at The Methodist Church. We will need help with the cooking so if you can assist please contact Judy Sherry on 02392 324772. If you are interested in attending or know someone who is please contact Vicki Powell on 02392 200314.

Castle Hand Bell Team— are looking for new members! No experience is necessary just a willingness to learn something new or brush up an old skill perhaps? They practice on a Monday night in the New Room at 7.30pm. Please speak to Robert and Margaret English if you are interested.

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Steve Legg - 30th Anniversary Tour—record breaking escapologist, magician and comedian is coming to St. Mary's ! A great evenings entertainment for all the family ! Tickets are £5, children go free, includes a BBQ and they are available from the Church Office or after services on a Sunday.

Information Booklet—Some of you will have received an e-mail from Hazel Powlesland about submitting a report about your group to go into a booklet for new people joining the congregation. She would like the reports, in an electronic format if possible by the end of July please.

The Portsmouth Cathedral Choir and Choristers— will be coming to St. Mary's on 12th October. All our concerts sell out so book early to avoid disappointment! Tickets are £8.50 concessions £5.50 and are available from the Church Office and your usual sources!

Date for your Diary— On Sunday 22nd July St. James' over at Southwick will be having tea and cake in the D-Day hall at 4pm followed by a Songs of Praise service at 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

August Events—On Monday 27th August we will be holding a High Tea at church from 2pm. Everyone is welcome and it's a bring and share cakes, sandwiches and other savoury bits with lots of tea! Hazel says no jelly and ice cream!! Then on Tuesday 28th August we will be holding another 'Different Day' following on from the success of the first one back in April. Tickets will be £5 and available shortly from the church office and after services on Sunday.

SUNDAY 8TH JULY 2018

SEA 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 Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
11.30am 'Later Morning Service'

Collect for Trinity 6

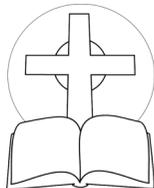
Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

2 Samuel 5. 1-5 & 9-10
2 Corinthians 12. 2-10
Mark 6. 1-13

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

2 Samuel 6. 1-5 and 12b-19
Ephesians 1. 3-14
Mark 6. 14-29



Dates for This Week

Morning Prayer at 9am Monday to Friday

MONDAY 9TH JULY

MPR: Psalm 126/1 Samuel 5

11.30am Schools Team at Castle Primary
6.15pm Bell Ringing

TUESDAY 10TH JULY

MPR: Psalm 132/1 Samuel 6.1-16

WEDNESDAY 11TH JULY—BENEDICT OF NURSIA

MPR: Psalm 119.153-end/1 Samuel 7

Please note that the Tea Shop will be closed all day.

10.00am Market Outreach
10.30am St. Mary's Lambs (New Room)
2.00pm Church Closed for St Edmund's Retreat.
6.30pm Holy Communion

THURSDAY 12TH JULY

MPR: Psalm 143/1 Samuel 8

1.00pm Lunchtime Concert— Fumi Otsuki with Georgios Vardakis
3.30pm Messy Church (Methodist Church)
7.30pm Choir Practice

FRIDAY 13TH JULY

MPR: Psalm 144/1 Samuel 9.1-14

10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)

SATURDAY 14TH JULY

MPR: Psalm 147/1 Samuel 9.15-10.1

8.00am Men's Breakfast with
Rev Simon Brocklehurst

SUNDAY 15TH JULY—TRINITY 7

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
2.15pm Tea and Company Two

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:

for this parish - Let us pray for Rev Ian and for all our clergy, readers, churchwardens, treasurer, members of the PCC and all those who work in our Teashop especially as we approach the Summer holidays.

for other churches in the Fareham Deanery - For the Parish of St. Mary's Hook with Warsash, for their clergy, readers and churchwardens. Let us give thanks for the successful, fun and enthusiastic launch of their new Children's Church Trail and all the volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents. Let us also pray that the right people to take forward some key ministries, particularly the Families and Children's work, the Parish News editorship and music will come along soon.

for our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) - The Leaway, Allenby Grove, Wessex Gardens, Kenwood Road, and Hollywell Drive.

for the world around us— Let us pray for the safe rescue of the young boys and their football coach trapped in the Tham Luang Nang Non cave, Thailand.

for those who are ill - Peggy Boyce, Bronwen Clark, Lee Clarke, Vi and Peter Crofts, Sally James, Wendy Lakeland, Pat Poil, Keith Robins, Jacqui Wheatley and David Williams

for those who have died— Michael Pearce

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

'There is nothing better to display the truth in an excellent light, than a clear and simple statement of facts'.

(Benedict of Nursia)