

## News and Notices

**Heritage Open Days**— Today Bryan Jerrard will be leading a walk from the main Castle car park at 2.30pm down Castle Street. This will include historic, architectural, land use features and lasts about one hour. Alternatively there will be a Church tour also starting at 2.30pm. For more details contact Bryan on 01329 236274.

**Lunchtime Concert**—This week we welcome back Baroque Ad Hoc with music for harpsichord and recorder, which includes Purcell, Handel, Telemann and Scott Joplin.

**Get Knitting!**— Margaret Andrews' Craft Group will start meeting again this Tuesday 11th September, 10am-12noon at the usual place!

**Baptism Shawls**— Every child that gets baptised here at St. Mary's is given a hand knitted shawl. Stocks are running low so if you are knitter then please speak to either Chris Rees or Wendy Pyatt for a pattern, if you don't have one already! Once finished please hand in at the office or give them to Chris Rees on a Sunday. Thanks.

**Please Sponsor me!** - Kay Walker will be climbing Snowden on 15th/16th September in aid of an amazing charity called PARCS (Portsmouth Abuse and Rape Counselling Service). They provide help for anyone who has suffered regardless of age or gender. There will be sponsor forms at the back of church and in the Tea Room, Santander will match fund everything she raises. Thanks.

**Kneelers** - You are welcome to take one which has particular sentimentality to you (but to no one else in the church). If you would like one please let the Vicar or Churchwardens know first.

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**Keeping in Touch**—The Autumn edition is out now, there's lots to read about and dates for your diary, so if you don't want to miss anything pick up a copy now!

**Harvest Supper**— will be on Saturday 29th September at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are £5 and are available from the Church Office during the week and after Sunday services. A Ploughmans followed by apple crumble and custard is included as is our very own home grown entertainment! Please bring your own drinks and there will be a raffle in aid of the building project.

**Christian Aid Quiz**—This year it will be on Saturday 6th October at 6.30pm in St. John's Church Hall, Fareham. Tickets are £6 per person and include a ploughman's supper. If you are interested please speak to Valerie Agar for more details.

**Portsmouth Cathedral Choir Concert**— We are now offering the remaining tickets to the general public, so if you haven't got your ticket yet and want to come and listen to the most glorious music get yours soon! The concert is on Friday 12th October at 7.30pm.

**'Poppies Red & Cornflowers Blue'** - is on Friday 26th October at 7.30pm. WW1 true stories told through original songs and music. Tickets are now available for this from the Church Office.

**West End Singers**—The Friends of St. Mary's Church present this group in concert here in church at 7.45pm on Friday 16th November. They are a four-part harmony choir with an eclectic and varied repertoire. Tickets are £8 and are now available from the Church Office, the Honorary Secretary, Patsy Munks at 91 The Keep or any Trustee.

SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018

## PATRONAL FESTIVAL

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.***

### PARISH OFFICE

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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 (Incense will be used)
- 11.30am Later Morning Service
- 6.00pm Evening Service based on Proverbs  
1) 'A word to the wise' (wisdom)

## Collect for the Blessed Virgin Mary

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who stooped to raise fallen humanity through  
the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that  
we, who have seen your glory revealed in our  
human nature and your love made perfect in  
our weakness, may daily be renewed in your  
image and conformed to the pattern of your  
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 61:10-end  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 1:46-55.

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Proverbs 1. 20-33  
James 3. 1-12  
Mark 8. 27-end

# Dates for This Week

## Morning Prayer at 9am Monday to Friday

### MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

*MPR: Psalm 30/Acts 16.6-24*

- 11.30am Schools Team at Castle Primary
- 6.15pm Bell Ringing

### TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

*MPR: Psalm 36/Acts 16.25-end*

- 7.30pm Christmas Planning Meeting (Vicarage)

### WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

*MPR: Psalm 34/Acts 17.1-15*

- 10.00am Market Outreach
- 10.30am St Mary's Lambs (New Room)
- 10.30am Church Funeral of Geraldine Norris
- 2.35pm Schools Team at Red Barn
- 6.30pm Holy Communion

### THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

*MPR: Psalm 37/Acts 17.16-end*

- 9.30am Staff Meeting (New Room)
- 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert - Baroque Ad Hoc
- 2.40pm Schools Team at Northern Infants
- 3.30pm Messy Church (Methodist Church)
- 7.15pm Alpha Course (Methodist Church)
- 7.30pm Choir Practice
- 7.30pm Standing Committee

### FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER—HOLY CROSS

*MPR: Psalm 146/John 12.27-36a*

- 10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)
- 2.00pm Church Funeral of Carol Jones
- 3.30pm Pastoral Assistants Meeting (Vicarage)
- 7.30pm Exploring Baptism (Parish Hall)

### SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

*MPR: Psalm 42/Acts 18.22-19.7*

- 11.30am Church visit by Henley History Group

### SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER — TRINITY 16

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
- 12.30pm Baptism of Jack Spencer
- 2.15pm Tea and Company Two
- 6.00pm Choral Evensong followed by teaching based on Proverbs  
2) 'Respect' (God, others, self)

# 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 for our Schools Team who will be out and about this week.

**for other churches in the Fareham Deanery** -

For our own Parish, let us pray for our Alpha course, and Exploring Baptism which both start this week. Let us ask God for encouragement with our monthly alternative worship service, for more help with musicians and technicians which would allow us to go weekly and to know when the time is right for this.

**for our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent)** -

Portsdown Road, York Gardens, Rudgewick Close and Coppins Grove.

**for the world around us**— For the people of Japan especially those on the island of Hokkaido, who have been hit with a typhoon, earthquake and now mud slides in this past week.

**for those who are ill** - Peggy Boyce, Bronwen Clark, Lee Clarke, Vi and Peter Crofts, Cristina Gherghinescu, Sally James, Claire MacCormack, Heather Peacock, Pat Poil, Keith Robins, Jacqui Wheatley and David Williams

**for those who have died**— Daphne Cox

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

"When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time they may seem invincible, but in the end they always fall. Think of it. Always."

(Mahatma Gandhi)