

News and Notices

"**War & Peace**" - this booklet with details about the people on our war memorial with short biographies, local poems and other interesting items is available from the back of the church, Tea Room and the church office. Price is £2.

Tea Room - Thank you to all those who have helped on Sunday afternoon during 2018. I am now trying to organise the rota for the rest of this year and 2019. The third and fourth Sundays of every month are covered, could you take on a Sunday a month please? Contact Hazel after church or in the office.

Posada— Today Mary and Joseph will start their journey around homes in Portchester and will return to Church at our Nativity service.

Dog Sitting— Would anyone be able to dog sit while Colleen comes and helps at the Christmas Day lunch? Please talk to her after church.

Carol Concerts and Services— the list for help is at the back of the church so please volunteer to make this outreach special for Christmas 2018.

Keeping in Touch— please collect your brown envelope containing Keeping in Touch, Vicar's Christmas card and some dates for 2019.

Parish Christmas card distribution— please help us deliver all these by this week at the latest and in time for the Christmas Service on 9th December.

Thank you— the War Memorial group would like to thank all those who have helped in anyway to making the day successful.

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Events for December

Services

9th	4pm	Christingle Service
14th	2pm	Andy Pandy Pre-school Nativity
17th	6pm	Castle Primary Carol
18th	10.15am	Wicor Carol Service
	5.45pm	Northern Junior Carol Service
19th	2.15pm	Wicor Carol Service
6pm		Portchester Community Choir
22nd	6pm	Carol Service
23rd	6pm	Carol Service
24th	4pm	Nativity Service
	11pm	Midnight Mass
25th	8am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	All Age Service
30th	3pm	Quiet Christmas

Office will be closed from 21st Dec to 2nd Jan 2019



SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2018

ADVENT 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

Vicar and Area Dean of Fareham

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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
Burial of ashes of Carol Anne Jones

Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 33. 14-16
1 Thessalonians 3. 9-end
Luke 21. 25-36

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Malachi 3. 1-4
Philippians 1. 3-11
Luke 3. 1-6

Dates for This Week

Morning Prayer at 9am Wednesday to Friday

MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER

MPR: Psalm 50/Revelation 19
Church and Tea Room Closed

TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER

MPR: Psalm 80/Revelation 20
Tea Room Closed
11.15am War Memorial Unveiling Service (**TICKET ONLY**)

WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER

MPR: Psalm 7/Revelation 21 1-8
10.30am St Mary's Lambs (New Room)
2.30pm Woodland Court service
6.30pm Holy Communion

THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER

MPR: Psalm 42/Revelation 21. 9-21
10.30am Theology Group—"The wrath of God was satisfied"
7.15pm Alpha Course (Methodist Church)
7.30pm Choir Practice

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER—AMBROSE, BISHOP OF MILAN

MPR: Psalm 25/Revelation 21.22– 22.5
10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)

SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER-CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MPR: Psalm 9/Revelation 22. 6—end
8.00am Men's Breakfast—speaker Richard Andrews (New Room)
10am Christingle Making (North Transept)

SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER— SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
4.00pm Christingle Service

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 as they prepare for Christmas and the New Year.

for other churches in the Fareham Deanery - For the Parish of Ss Peter & Paul and St Francis, Fareham, for their clergy and churchwardens. Pray we keep a faithful and holy Advent, the success of our Christmas Tree Festival, the witness and ministry of our children's Christmas Trail in the shopping centre. And that our celebrations of the nativity of our Lord will draw others closer allowing the Christ into their life

for our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) - Solent View, Neville Avenue, Cadour Drive, Lock View and The Hillway.

for the world around us— For all as we share this time of preparation for Christ's birth

for those who are ill - Kelly Avery, Sally James, Terry Marris, Pat Poil, Keith Robins, Jacqui Wheatley, June Grant and David Williams

for those who have died— Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust those who have died this week.

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

Truth is so obscure in these times, and falsehood so established, that, unless we love the truth, we cannot know it." Blaise Pascal