

News and Notices

Morning Prayer and Wednesday evening—

Please remember these services are in the New Room.

Clearing away after service—Please *do not*

remove papers from the back tables. These are for the Vicar, Churchwardens or PCC Secretary to take home. Last week the Marriage Couples Register and a private letter all disappeared causing quite a bit of inconvenience. If anyone knows where they are, please let us know.



Electoral Roll forms—Please return to Denise Simmons by **4th March** (not 15th March as stated on the letter) either sent directly, given in after Services, via the Vicarage or Parish Office.

Confirmation on Saturday 20th April 8pm at the Cathedral—We now have 3 people interested. We would like to start a group soon, so please let Rev Ian know by Sunday 10th February if you are interested.

Woodlands Court Nursing Home—We hold a short Communion service on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 2.30pm. It is a care home for people suffering mainly from dementia. Would you like to be part of the team to visit? Please have a word with Barbara Andrews or Sylvia Hunns or contact the parish office.

Parish Prayer Chain—As we have lost a number of people we need to draw up a new list. The prayer chain has been in existence for 30 years and for it to continue we need new people to come on board. Please speak to Sheila Gardener to find out more.

Prayers for the Persecuted Church—Will be held at 10 Portchester Heights.

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Skittles Saturday 9th February at 6:30pm

NEARLY SOLD OUT —Tickets are £5 and are available in the office and at Church. Remember this event is limited to 60 people. The will be held at the Parish Hall with a ham or cheese ploughman included, bring your own drinks.

Beetle Drive Sunday 17th February 2019 2pm to 4pm

All are welcome to come along for a family afternoon to join in the fun. Tea and cake will be provided and more cake is always welcome. Please sign up on the form at the back of the hall if you are coming.

Kids Movie Afternoon Friday 22nd February at 4pm

We will be showing Gangsta Granny (U) and for £1 per child you get a bag of popcorn, drink and sweets during the movie. For more info contact Wendy Castle

Hampshire Police Male Voice Choir Friday 26 April at 7:30pm

Tickets are available in Church or the office. Don't miss out, over half of the tickets are already gone.

"War & Peace"—This booklet with details about the people on our war memorial is available from the back of the church, Tea Room and the church office. Price is £2.

Other Upcoming Events

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| 14th Feb | Messy Church |
| 16th Feb | Quiet Day with the Sisters of Bethany |
| 6th Mar | Ash Wednesday Service (Methodist Church) |
| 8th Mar | Prayers for the Persecuted Church |
| 9th Mar | Men's Breakfast |

SUNDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2019

CANDLEMAS

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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For Churchwardens, Readers and other contacts see 'Who's Who' on notice board.

PARISH OFFICE

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Open Monday - Friday 9.30am—2.30pm
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 after the
10.00am service.

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Sung Eucharist with Sunday School
2:15pm Tea and Company (Parish Hall)

Collect for the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ was
presented in the Temple and acclaimed the
glory of Israel and the light of the nations:
grant that in him we may be presented to you
and the world may reflect his glory; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Malachi 3. 1-4
Hebrews 2. 14-18
Luke 2. 22-40

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 6. 1-8 (9-end)
1 Corinthians 15. 1-11
Luke 5. 1-11

Dates for This Week

Morning Prayer at 9am Monday to Friday

MONDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

MPR: Psalm 1/John 13. 1-11

6.15pm Bell Ringing

TUESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

MPR: Psalm 5/John 13. 12-20

WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY—THE MARTYRS OF JAPAN, 1597

MPR: Psalm 11/John 13. 21-30

10.30am St Mary's Lambs (New Room)

6.30pm Holy Communion (New Room)

THURSDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

MPR: Psalm 15/John 13. 31-end

7.30pm Choir Practice

FRIDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

MPR: Psalm 19/John 14. 1-14

10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)

2:30pm Prayers for the Persecuted Church

7.30pm Exploring Baptism 4 (Parish Hall)

SATURDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

MPR: Psalm 68/1 Corinthians 12. 1-11

8:00am Men's Breakfast

10:00am Wedding Preparation (New Room)

6:30pm Skittles (Parish Hall)

SUNDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

PORTCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School

11:30am Later Morning Service



This Week's Prayers

**Please remember the following in your prayers:
for this parish**—Let us pray for Rev Ian, our clergy,
readers, churchwardens, treasurer and members of
the PCC. Also pray for continuing guidance for our
new Churchwardens, treasurer and PCC members.

for other churches in the Fareham Deanery—

For the parish of St. Mary's Hook with Warsash—
Pray for our Clergy Revds Mike & Nicky-Sue Terry,
Revd George Gebauer, Revd Bill Day and Revd Roger
Moseley. Also pray for our readers and wardens.

They give thanks for a good start to 2019, for good
relationships established with parents through
babes and toddlers' group and for initial plans being
developed to celebrate the 150th anniversary in
2021. Pray for renewed impetus in Growing our
Church plans, continued wisdom to develop music
ministry and funding to repair holes in the church
roof and windows.

for our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent)—Kenya
Road, Olive Crescent, Portsview Avenue, Coverack
Way and Conifer Mews.

for the world around us—pray for our brothers and
sisters in Christ who are displaced or refugees having fled
their homes because of persecution.

for those who are ill—Baby Sophie, Sally James, Pat
Poil, Keith Robins, June Grant and David Williams

for those who have died—We lift to the Lord
anyone who has died this week and we pray for
your comforting care of their families and friends.

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

“The tiny seed knew that in order to grow, it needed
to be dropped in dirt, covered in darkness, and
struggle to reach the light.” —Sandra Kring