

## News and Notices

**Christian Aid Week** is this week. If you are able to help with collections either in Portchester on Wednesday 15th May, Saturday 18th May or in Fareham all week, then please speak to Valerie Agar for more information on 02392 613279.

**Family Fun Day**—Following Church on the 19th May we will be having a Fun Day with games and a BBQ serving hot dogs and burgers.



**New Orleans/Dixie Jazz** is one of our upcoming concerts held on Friday 6th September. Tickets are £8.50/£6 concessions and are available at the office or following services.

**Mexican Night Friday 24th May**—For younger people. There has been a slow response to the Vicar's email. Please respond soon.

**Rogationtide Prayer Walk Saturday 25th May at 10:30**—This year we will be starting at Highslopes Community Centre and will finish around 12noon at the harbour.

**Ascension Day Thursday 30th May at 7.30pm** we will be having a Sung Eucharist at St. Mary's.

**Portchester Gala**—As usual we have a plant stall so if you could think of us when planting your seeds, that would be great! We also have other stalls including soft toys for Christian Aid, jams & chutneys and face-painting. If you would like to run a stall at the Gala either your own or one to raise funds for the church, please contact Sally Young for an application form.

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**Thy Kingdom Come Big Prayer Picnic Event Sunday June 9th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm**—Thousands of people will be gathering to pray, eat and worship within the castle grounds. The event, led by the Rev Andrew Hargreaves will start with a big picnic, prayer tents and family friendly attractions. This will be followed by the main prayer and worship event. More details at [portsmouth.anglican.org/thykingdom](http://portsmouth.anglican.org/thykingdom)  
**Due to the event there will be no tea/coffee after the service that day and cars will need to be removed promptly for the safety of the visitors.**



### Four things to support good mental health

**Wellbeing Workshops**—As part of St Mary's commitment to supporting mental health we are offering four 90-minute practical workshops (starting on May 23rd) to support mental health and wellbeing. Sign up on notice board or book through the Parish Office. (Limited to 25 people)

**In partnership with the Richmond Fellowship**, we sponsor a support group meeting on Monday afternoons (1:00pm-2:30pm) at Portchester Library.

**Free Magazine "Inspire: stories to lift your spirits"** Focusing on mental health. Available from the back of church, Tea Room and Parish Office.

**The 2019 Bishops Lent Appeal** raised £520 from St Mary's.

SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2019

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 after the  
10:00am and 11:30am services

8:00am	Holy Communion
10:00am	Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
11:30am	Later Morning Service with guest speaker Rev Colin Prestidge

## Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life, raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 9. 36-end  
Revelation 7. 9-end  
John 10. 22-30

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 11. 1-18  
Revelation 21. 1-6  
John 13. 31-35

# Dates for This Week

## Morning Prayer at 9am Monday to Friday

### MONDAY 13TH MAY

MPR: Psalm 103/Ephesians 4.1-16

6:15pm Bell Ringing  
7:30pm Hand Bells (New Room)

### TUESDAY 14TH MAY

MPR: Psalm 16/Acts 2.37-end

1:00pm Church Funeral of Ruby Stevens

### WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY

MPR: Psalm 135/Ephesians 5.1-14

10:30am St Mary's Lambs  
12:30pm Carleen Nursing Home service  
6:30pm Holy Communion

### THURSDAY 16TH MAY

MPR: Psalm 118/Ephesians 5.15-end

7:30pm Choir Practice  
7:30pm Standing Committee (Vicarage)

### FRIDAY 17TH MAY

MPR: Psalm 33/Ephesians 6.1-9

10:00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)  
7:30pm Exploring Baptism 3 (Parish Hall)  
7:30pm Confirmation Course (Wymering)

### SATURDAY 18TH MAY

MPR: Psalm 34/Ephesians 6.10-end

10:00am PCC Away Day  
1:30pm Wedding of Robby Carter and Leanne Hutchins

### SUNDAY 19TH MAY—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00am Holy Communion  
10:00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School

Following the service will be our Family Fun Day  
with Games and BBQ

# This Week's Prayers

**Please remember the following in your prayers: for this parish**—Let us pray for Rev Ian and all our clergy as they take on extra responsibilities, our readers, churchwarden, deputy wardens, treasurer, members of the PCC and staff.

**for other churches in the Fareham Deanery**—For Whiteley Church—Pray for their Vicar, Pioneer Minister and Church Wardens. They give thanks for their newly elected wardens and PCC members, for opportunities with Henry Cort and for good conversations and new faces during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Let us also pray for their first Bible Course beginning this month, for their eco fair on Saturday 18th May that it will have a positive impact in the community, and for their Pioneer Minister as she seeks to make connections with people in the wider community.

**for our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent)**—Froxfield Gardens, Leckford Close, Mullion Close, Harting Gardens and Jubilee Road.

**for the world around us**—As we approach Christian Aid week let us pray for their partners in Sierra Leone. Pray that they can continue their work improving health services and empowering communities.

**for those who are ill**—Jim Smith, Doug Cole, Derek Holland, Rev Ian, Alec Masters, Verena Tout, Sylvia Summers, Sally James, June Grant, Rita Jones, Campbell Patrick, and Blake.

**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.*

*"Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life."  
S.D. Gordon*