

News and Notices

Family Cafe Church—The next event will be held at 4pm on Sunday 9th May. We are planning to have the service outside and a picnic will be provided. Please let Carol Gay or the office know if you would like to attend.

Maureen Raven, a member of St. Mary's died at the Rowans Hospice on Thursday.

Blocked Drain—The tearoom has been experiencing blocked drains due to the blue paper towels being flushed down the toilet. Please use the hand dryer unless there is a service taking place, when paper towels will be used instead.

Young adults group—Colin Chalmers is organising a group for young adults (18-late 20s) It will initially be Zoom meetings, for discussion on faith and life issues, but once restrictions are eased, will extend to more social events as well. Please contact Colin if you are interested. Tel: 07477 580767.

Welcomers Needed—We are still in need of welcomers for our 10.30am service, especially the 4th week of each month. If you are able help please speak to one of the wardens or Emma at the office.

Graveyard Project—Kate Tame is leading a community project around our churchyard by restoring headstones, kerbstones and memorials. The project includes collecting information from the recovered memorials for a cemetery database and much more. The team will be meeting on May 24th from 11.30am-3.00pm to book your place contact: Kate Tame 01329 310233.

Portchester Lunch Club is re-starting again in July. It is the longest running lunch club in Portchester and meets at the Parish Hall, every Thursday 10.00am - 1.30 pm. The cost per member is £3.50 which includes - coffee/tea and biscuits. A two course lunch (main dish and dessert). There is a weekly raffle which helps finance outings, such as afternoon tea trips and the annual celebration lunch in January. If you live in Portchester or the surrounding area and are interested in coming along please ring Janet Lynn (organiser) on 01489 600778 or mobile 07941 86301.

News & Covid-19 Guidelines

Tea Room Request— Do you like to bake cakes? We are looking for people who can donate cakes to the tea room on a regular basis. Please speak to Ron or Dawn if you are able to help.

Parish Giving Scheme—Great news! If you would like to sign up for regular giving through the Parish Giving Scheme you now no longer need to fill in paper forms and post them, instead, you can do everything on line. Visit:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/portchester-st-mary-portsmouth/> and then click "Pledge your gift" on the left side of that page to register and sign up.



For those attending services please help us by following the guidelines below.

Covid-19 guidelines will include, but not limited to:

- Please use hand sanitiser provided when entering the building.
- Please bring your name and phone number on a slip of paper for Track and Trace.
- Face coverings are required to be worn by all over the age of 11.
- Please keep a safe distance of 2 meters from those not in your bubble.
- Seating will be designated to arrange social distancing. We may have to ask you to sit in a particular seat. Please do not move seats.
- Personal service sheets will be used, please bring these back each week to be used again
- Communion will continue to be bread only.
- We encourage you once arrive, to go straight to your seat and remain there. Please do not congregate at the back of the church or in the aisles.
- Please follow exiting instructions from welcomers and wardens. Each row will be advised when and where to leave.

SUNDAY 25TH APRIL 2021

EASTER 4



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.

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

PARISH OFFICE

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(During this period the office is closed, however appointments can be made during office hours if needed. Any post will be collected and phone calls and e-mails will go straight to Emma who is mostly working from home).

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St Mary's Tea Room
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This Sunday

Welcome to St Mary's this morning!

- 8:00am Holy Communion**
Celebrant and Preacher: Rev James Hair
- 10:30am Service of the Word**
Celebrant: Carol Gay
Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith
- 2:30pm Thanksgiving and Memorial Service for The Duke of Edinburgh (Pre-Booking Required)**
- 6:00pm Evening Service: 'Creation' Followed by teaching series: Jesus in Genesis: No 2**

Collect for Easter 4

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 4.5-12
1 John 3.16-end
John 10.11-18

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 8.26-end
1 John 4.7-end
John 15.1-8

Dates for This Week

ST. MARY'S WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 10.00AM-4.00PM

MONDAY 26TH APRIL

MPR: Psalm 148/Acts 12.25-13.13

TUESDAY 27TH APRIL

MPR: Psalm 139/Deuteronomy 9.23-10.5

WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL—PETER CHANEL, MISSIONARY.

MPR: Psalm 135/Deuteronomy 10.12-end

6:30pm Holy Communion

7:30pm PCC Meeting

THURSDAY 29TH APRIL

MPR: Psalm 118/Deuteronomy 11.8-end

9:30am Contemplative Prayer Group

10:15am Church Funeral for Ronald Dix

FRIDAY 30TH APRIL—PANDITA MARY RAMABAI

MPR: Psalm 33/Deuteronomy 12.1-14

10:00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)

6.15pm CONNECT Youth Group

SATURDAY 1ST MAY

MPR: Psalm 139/Proverbs 4.10-18

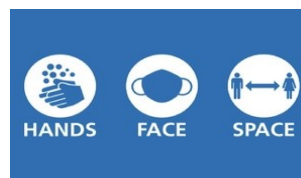
SUNDAY 2ND MAY—EASTER 5

8:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Parish Eucharist

2.00pm Wedding of Mark Simmons and Laura Robinson

6:00pm Evening Service (Parish Hall)



Vicar's day off this week: Monday

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers: for this parish—Let us pray for Rev Ian, our clergy, readers, staff, churchwardens, treasurer and members of the PCC. We pray for the continued success of the Tea Room.

for other churches in the Fareham Deanery—

This week the Deanery will be praying for the Parish of St John the Evangelist Church, Fareham.—Pray for their Clergy, Readers, Wardens and Parish Administrator. They give thanks for the continued work of the Fareham & Gosport Basic Bank as they continue to show God's love in action, through the collection and distribution of food and toiletry items. Pray also for the work of the Community Money Advice Centre, Fareham, as it seeks to assist clients now face to face consultations are not possible.

for our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent—

Hollywell Drive, Quintrel Avenue, Marina Grove, Nelson Lane and Rockingham Way.

for the world around us—Pray for the Women, Men and Children being deceived and taken for the purpose of human trafficking. Protect them from those who seek to harm them, and give guidance to governments and those in power to help stop modern slavery.

for those who are ill or recovering—Susan Hubbard, Baby Ebony Sparks, Stuart Welsh, Sophie Carnaghan, Peter Webb, Sue Hogg, Derek Holland, Anelli, and Colin Welsh.

for those who have died—Maureen Raven, Jill Wrixon



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

The flowers today are in memory of John Brook