

News and Notices

Morning Prayer—The morning office of Daily Prayer will resume from Monday 17th May. We will initially meet on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9.00am.

Tea Room News—On May 13th and 14th the Tea Room will be getting a makeover. Due to the construction work taking place we will be only be able to offer a limited menu. There will still be take away and outside seating available however the toilet will not be available on these dates. The Tea Room is need of new volunteers, particularly on Sunday afternoons. Do you have a few spare hours once a month? We are also looking for people who can donate cakes to the tea room on a regular basis. This is a great way to use your talents to raise money for the church. Please contact Ron if you can help with volunteering or cake donations.

Have you seen **Stop Me and Try One Co.** set up in the Churchyard? Lee will be there each day (weather dependent) offering locally sourced ice cream and sorbet. Alongside the artisan ice cream you can find vegan options, dog friendly treats and ice/milk lollies all served from his traditional ice cream trikes! Lee has also very kindly offered to donate a percentage of his takings to the church. We wish Lee every success in his venture, which we think will be very popular especially on hot days, and will also draw people down towards the church and Tea Room which he is going to enthusiastically support.



CONNECT will be meeting on Friday 14th May at St. Mary's for a movie night from 6:00pm. Please bring a donation of £1.50 for drinks and popcorn.

Sunday car parking—The paddock by the car park has been made available for our use during service times, thank you to those of you who have volunteered to do car park stewarding. This is so appreciated, and if anyone else can help, please see Keith Phillips. Please note that those with blue badges and others with mobility issues may park alongside the churchyard wall next to the lynch gate.

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.

News & Covid-19 Guidelines

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.

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. 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.
- Please do not congregate at the back of the church or in the aisles.

Covid home-testing lateral flow test kits are available from: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> You can order a pack of tests to allow for weekly testing at home.

SUNDAY 9TH MAY 2021

EASTER 6



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.

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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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[Instagram @stmaryschurchportchester](https://instagram.com/stmaryschurchportchester)

St Mary's Tea Room
facebook.com/stmarystearoom

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**
Leader: Carol Gay
Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith
- 4:00pm Family Café Church**
Pre-booking required
- 6:00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall**

Collect for Easter 6

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 10.44-end
1 John 5.1-6
John 15.9-17

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 1.15-17, 21-end
1 John 5.9-13
John 17.6-19

Dates for This Week

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

MONDAY 10TH MAY

MPR: Psalm 65/Deuteronomy 26
11:00am Church Funeral of Maureen Raven

TUESDAY 11TH MAY

MPR: Psalm 126/Deuteronomy 28.1-14

WEDNESDAY 12TH MAY

MPR: Psalm 132/Deuteronomy 28.58-end
Please note that our mid-week evening service this week is on Thursday.

THURSDAY 13TH MAY

MPR: Psalm 110/Hebrews 7.(11-25)26-end
9:30am Contemplative Prayer Group
6:30pm Holy Communion— Ascension Day

FRIDAY 14TH MAY

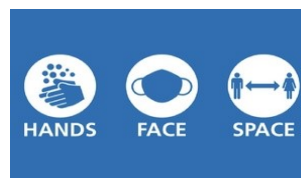
MPR: Psalm 16/Acts 2.37-end
10:00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)
2:30pm Prayers for the Persecuted Church (North Transept)
6.00pm CONNECT Youth Group—MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY 15TH MAY

MPR: Psalm 47/1 Corinthians 2

SUNDAY 16TH MAY—EASTER 7

8:00am Holy Communion
10:30am Service of the Word
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 and for those who give their time and talents at St. Mary's and the Tea Room.

for other churches in the Fareham Deanery— This week the Deanery will be praying for the Parish of St John the Baptist, Locks heath—Pray for their churchwardens, curate, retired clergy, children & families team leader, verger and office staff. They give thanks for the Westen Wards Cluster, the return of Connect group in person and new faces at Toddler Group and the reinstating of their midweek Holy Communion service. Pray also for their future incumbent, their church as we continue to walk through the vacancy and the diocesan reorganisation.

for our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent— Coverack Way, Hill View Road, The Queensway, Nyewood Avenue and Cooper Grove.

for the world around us—**TO BE ADDED**

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—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.