



ST MARY'S NOTICES FOR
SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2021 AND 2ND JANUARY 2022

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.



SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER

Welcome to St Mary's this morning! We hope that you had a lovely Christmas.

10.30am **Combined All Age Service**

Celebrant: Rev Phil Hiscock

Preacher: Carol Gay

Collect for Christmas 1

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SUNDAYS READINGS

26nd December

2 Chron. 24.20-22

Acts 7.51-end

Matthew 10.17-22

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

2nd January

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

Prayers for the week of December 26th:

for this parish - Pray for Rev Ian, our clergy, readers, members of the PCC, staff and all those who give of their time to help the ministry and mission of our church and Tea Room.

for other churches in the Fareham Deanery -

For the Parish of Ss Peter and Paul, Fareham – Pray for Fr Roger Jackson and Canon Margaret Chappell. They give thanks for their successful Family Services held at Harvest and Christmas in Knowle Village, for their relationship with the local family refuge and the ministry they have been allowed to extend to parents and children during their stay. Pray also that as together we celebrate the mystery of the Word made flesh we may truly live in Him and he in us and that that Christ's gift to us this year be service in practical holiness and virtue.

for our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) - Nelson Avenue, Beachway, Rogate Gardens and Island View Walk.

for the world around us— For all those who will be alone this Christmas and New Year, that they may still feel something of God’s presence at this time.

for those who are ill - Thomas Day, Andrew Curtis, Margaret Elliot, Hazel Bunker, Alisa Carter, Baby Ebony Sparks, David Edwards, Betty Calloway, Ann Hawker, Andy Ward, John Browning, Jean Rodway, Valerie Agar, Rosemary Peake, Margaret Ayling, Sophie Carnaghan and anyone else you may know.

for those who have died— Dennis Fazackarley

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

SUNDAY 2ND JANUARY

Welcome to St Mary’s this morning! Happy New Year.

8.00am

Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev James Hair

10.30am

Combined All Age Service

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

Collect for Epiphany

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SUNDAYS READINGS

2nd January

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

9th January

Isaiah 43.1-7

Acts 8.14-17

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

Prayers for the week of January 2nd :

for this parish - Let us pray for Rev Ian and all our clergy, for our readers, churchwardens, members of the PCC, staff and the whole congregation of our church as we enter this New Year of 2022.

for other churches in the Fareham Deanery -

For the Parish of St Peters, Titchfield – Pray for Revd. Janet Trevithick, Revd Peter Kelly, Revd Julia Foster, David Foster, Barbara le Sueur and Peter Gordon and their PCC under the chairmanship of Edwina Day. They give thanks for the Welcome Café during Advent bringing church and community together, and for all who worked so diligently and all those who came to worship to make Christmas a time of hope & joy. Pray also for clarification from the Diocese for the future provision of licensed clergy for St Peter's and for their development of the church office as they seek to recruit new staff.

for our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) - Carbis Close, Richmond Rise, Webb Road, Westlands Grove and Merlin Gardens.

for the world around us— We pray for everyone during the New Year that peace reigns, love grows and reconciliation occurs.

for those who are ill – Thomas Day, Andrew Curtis, Margaret Elliot, Hazel Bunker, Alisa Carter, Baby Ebony Sparks, David Edwards, Betty Calloway, Ann Hawker, Andy Ward, John Browning, Jean Rodway, Valerie Agar, Rosemary Peake, Margaret Ayling, Sophie Carnaghan and anyone else you may know.

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

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News and Notices

The Clergy, Churchwardens and PCC hope that you had a Merry Christmas and have a happy and healthy New Year. They also would like to thank everyone who has been involved in any way to make this a successful Christmas period.

The Church Office will be open again on January 4th, however at the time of printing we are unsure if Emma will be in the office or working remotely. If working remotely, she will be contactable via email of the usual office phone number.

Tea Room Christmas Holiday Closures

26th December – Closed

1st January – Open, but with limited menu (Drinks and Sweet Treats)

4th January – Closed

All other days will be the usual business hours and menu.

Rev Ian and Marilyn will be celebrating their 25th (Silver) Wedding Anniversary on Sunday 2nd January. It will be a joint 10.30am service that day, and after the service there will be some cake and bubbly etc to celebrate. You are invited to join, even if you are not attending the 10.30 service. They have kindly asked for no gifts.

Rotas are now available. If you haven't received one by email please collect from the back of the Church. Please organise swaps when you are unable to fulfil your commitment and inform the office and Kay or Keith.

Christmas Trees—Many thanks to the Southwick Estate for the donation of our two Christmas Trees. Thank you also to Keith Phillips and team for decorating.

Later Morning Service—There will be no Later Morning Service now until January 9th 2022

Portchester Lunch Club has vacancies. They meet each Thursday from 10:00am-1:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please call Janet (07941 863018) if you are interested or know someone who might like to attend. They will be celebrating the anniversary of the Lunch Club on January 6th.

Alpha Course – We have a new course starting in the new year. Anyone interested please speak to Rev Ian, Carol Gay or Penny McIlroy.

Dates for The Two Weeks

No Morning Prayer until 3rd January 2021

MONDAY 27TH DECEMBER

MPR: Psalm 21/1 John 2.1-11

TUESDAY 28TH DECEMBER

MPR: Psalm 36/Matthew 18.1-10



WEDNESDAY 29TH DECEMBER

MPR: Psalm 19/Jonah 1

11:00am Church Funeral of Dennis Fazackarley

THURSDAY 30TH DECEMBER

MPR: Psalm 113/Jonah 2

FRIDAY 31ST DECEMBER

MPR: Psalm 102/Jonah 3-4

SATURDAY 1ST JANUARY

MPR: Psalm 103/Genesis 17.1-13

SUNDAY 2ND JANUARY – EPIPHANY

8:00am Holy Communion

10.30am Combined All Age Service

MONDAY 3RD JANUARY

MPR: Psalm 127/Ruth 2

9.00am Morning Prayer

TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY

MPR: Psalm 89.1-37/Ruth 3

HAPPY
New Year
★ 2022 ★





WEDNESDAY 5TH JANUARY

MPR: Psalm 48/Ruth 4.1-17

9.00am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Slow Stitching Club (Parish Hall)

6.30pm Holy Communion

THURSDAY 6TH JANUARY

MPR: Psalm 132/John 1.29-34

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

FRIDAY 7TH JANUARY

MPR: Psalm 99/Matthew 20.1-16

10:00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)

6.15pm Connect

7.45pm Momentum

SATURDAY 8TH JANUARY

MPR: Psalm 46/Matthew 20.17-28

SUNDAY 9TH JANUARY

8:00am Holy Communion

9:30am Parish Eucharist

11:30am Later Morning Service



EPIPHANY



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PORTCHESTER

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Monday – Office Closed, please contact

Emma, who will be working remotely by email.

Tuesday – Friday

Office open 9.30am-2.30pm

The church office will be closed 24th December for Christmas and reopen on 4th January. During this time Emma will be on leave, but emails will be checked periodically.

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

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