



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 16 March 2025



2nd Sunday Of Lent

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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This Sunday

Welcome to St. Mary's Church

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:
Rev Ian Meredith

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant : Rev Ian Meredith
Preacher : Rev Adam Gay

(Anyone who wishes can receive one-to-one prayer
in the north transept during communion or after the service has ended)

11.30am Later Morning Service with Communion

Leader: Rev Elizabeth Pearn
Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

4.00pm Café Church

6.00pm Evening Service (Parish Hall)

Collect for 2nd Sunday in Lent

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same.
Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 15.1-12,17-18
Philippians 3.17 - 4.1
Luke 13.31-35

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 55.1-9
1 Corinthians 10.1-13
Luke 13.1-9

Dates for This Week



St. Mary's will be open daily from 10am –4pm

Monday 17 March

MPR: Psalm 30/ John 6.41-51
7.30pm Hand Bells (Tea Room)
7.30pm Spinnaker Brass

Tuesday 18 March

MPR: Psalm 50/ John 6.52-59
1.00pm Funeral of Terence Preddy
7.00pm Lent Alpha Course (Tea Room)

Wednesday 19 March

MPR: Psalm 25/ Matthew 13.54-end
9.00am Morning Prayer
10.30am St Mary's Lambs
6.30pm Holy Communion
7.00pm The Drama of Scripture (The Hub)
7.30pm PCC Meeting (Tea Room)

Thursday 20 March

MPR: Psalm 34/ John 7.1-13
9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group
12.00 noon Lent Service & Lunch (Methodist Church)
1.00pm Women's Bible Study (The Hub)
7.30pm AA Meeting (Tea Room)

Friday 21 March

MPR: Psalm 41/ John 7.14-24
9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)
2.00pm Friday Friends
2.30pm Prayers for the Persecuted Church (10 Portchester Heights)
6.15pm Connect Youth Group (Parish Hall)
7.45pm Momentum Youth Group (Parish Hall)

Saturday 22 March

MPR: Psalm 25/ John 7.25-36
3.00pm Young Families Event (Parish Hall)

Sunday 23 March— 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Eucharist
11.30am Later Morning Service
6.00pm Evening Service (Parish Hall)

Rev Ian will be off on Monday (17th) & Tuesday(18th)

This Week's Prayers



Please remember the following in your prayers:

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

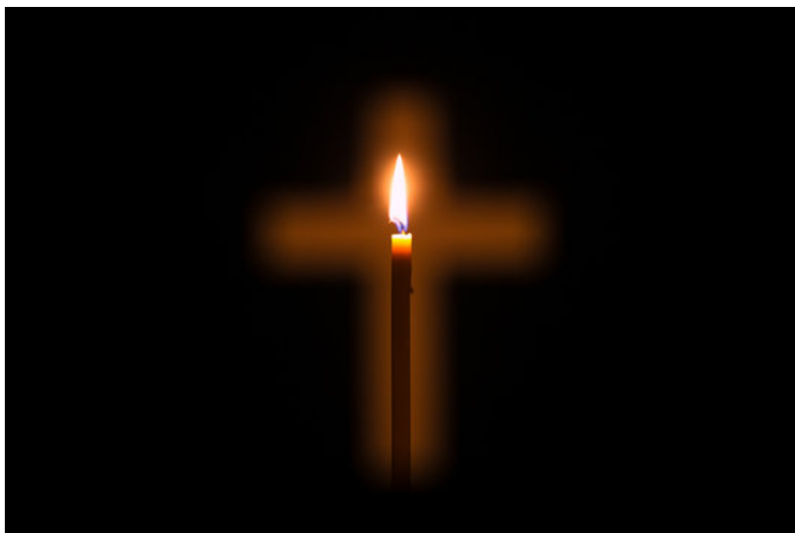
For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: this Sunday, all churches in the Deanery will be praying for **our Parish, St Mary's Portchester.** **The parish gives thanks for:** Tanya Simpson's ministry among the youth and pray for God's blessing on her future job, and for a replacement for youth and children's ministry. Praise God for a constant trickle of new people, many finding the Lord. **The parish seeks prayer for:** their ongoing growth and discipleship. Pray for all preparing for baptism and confirmation

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) – St James's Way, Frobisher Grove, Marina Keep, Whitehaven and Carberry Drive.

For the world around us:

March 23rd 2025 will be the 5th year anniversary of the start of the UK wide lockdown following the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic. The impact and fallout from Covid 19 are still felt by many individuals, organizations and communities both here and across the whole world. Dear Heavenly Father, we look back to those days of 5 years ago which impacted every person worldwide. We bring before You once again all those still grieving the death of loved ones, people who are still suffering long-term health issues, those with mental health challenges, the shattered businesses and economic hardship. *LORD, we praise You that You were not absent from our lives then! In the darkest of times, Your Light and Presence sustained Your World. We remember and Thank You for millions of acts of kindness, Grace, service and Love which helped us all to persevere. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.*

For those who are ill or recovering – Janet Browning, Crystal Stone, Clive Knott, Felicity Mellows, Vic Bosse, Joyce Clegg, Timothy Gardner, Sue Morgan, Julian Cole, Baby Ethan Smith, Lennox, Sophie Carnaghan, Violet Scott, Russell Ferne, Hazel Bunker, Gary and Paul Wallen.



THIS AFTERNOON— Café Church, 4.00pm. Suitable for all ages. Fun, Games, Informal Worship and Food.

TONIGHT— Our evening service at The Parish Hall will look “Always winter” (Satan, The fall and consequences). The worship will be Taize Prayer. Starting at 6.00pm all are welcome.

Saturday 22nd March—Family Fun at The Parish Hall, 3pm till 5pm with a bouncy castle and buffet. Open to all families of St Mary’s Church. For more information please contact Jenny Olding at jolding@ymail.com

Tuesday 25th March –The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Eucharist will be held at 7.30pm. Please note that there will be NO Wednesday Communion service on the 26th March.

Sunday 30th March—Mothering Sunday. We are having an ‘All Together’ Service at 10.30am followed by a ‘Bring and Share’ Lunch at Portchester Community School. Please remember that British Summer Time starts today so the clocks go forward one hour.

Saturday 5th April— Ladies Breakfast at The Parish Hall, starting at 8.30am. The speaker this month will be Rev Jill Phipps, author of “Messy Church” & Messy Vintage”.

Saturday 5th April—The first in the ‘Spirituality: Something Understood’ course will be held at The Hub from 10.00am led by Rev Celia Jones. Please sign up on the sheet in church or via the Church website, My ChurchSuite or contact the Parish Office.

Sunday 6th April—We will be holding an Immersion Baptism during the 11.30am Later Morning Service today.

As it is Lent, this may be a good time to try the Contemplative Prayer group that meet every Thursday at 9.30am. Still before God In a comfortable position Listening for the still small voice Emptying every thought for a prayer word Nearly falling asleep Energized to follow my Lord.

Prayer Chain— A new prayer chain list has been sent to each person named detailing a few changes. Please contact Valerie Agar or Marilyn Nash if you have any concerns.

Men’s Dinner’s—Bryan Jerrard’s meals out will commence after Easter, the first one being booked for 1st May.

Lift to 9.30am Service— We have another lady who would like a lift to the 9.30am service. If you think you may be able to undertake this, could you please contact Sue Oliver who will give you further details. Many thanks.

Volunteers for St Mary's Tea Room— We are looking for volunteers to join our team in the Tea Room. If you have a few hours to spare and would love to contribute to our community, we would be delighted to have you. No prior experience is needed, just a positive attitude and willingness to help. Please have a word with Ron in the Tea Room.

Parish Office Closure—Please note that the Parish Office will be closed all day on Wednesday 19th March.

Haunted Portchester— As we totally sold out the first print run, we have had some more books printed. Priced at £10 these are available from the Tea Room and Parish Office.

Want to make a donation but forgotten your cash? You can now scan the QR and make an online donation to St Mary's Church.

