



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 23 March 2025



3th 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 Adam Gay
Preacher : Rev Elizabeth Pearn

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

(Rev Ian is at St Peter's Titchfield this morning)

11.30am Later Morning Service

Leader: Richard Gunton
Preacher: Carol Gay

6.00pm Evening Service (Parish Hall)

Collect for 3rd Sunday in Lent

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Exodus 2:1-10
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:33-35

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 24 March

MPR: Psalm 5/ John 7.37-52

7.30pm Hand Bells (Tea Room)

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass

Tuesday 25 March—Annunciation of our Lord

MPR: Psalm 111/ Romans 5.12-end

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

7.00pm Lent Alpha Course (Tea Room)

7.30pm Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 26 March

MPR: Psalm 38/ John 8.12-30

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am St Mary's Lambs

7.00pm The Drama of Scripture (The Hub)

Thursday 27 March

MPR: Psalm 56/ John 8.31-47

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 28 March

MPR: Psalm 22/ John 8.48-end

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)

2.00pm Friday Friends

6.00pm Youth Alpha & Pizza (The Hub)

6.15pm Connect Youth Group (Parish Hall)

7.45pm Momentum Youth Group (Parish Hall)

Saturday 29 March

MPR: Psalm 31/ John 9.1-17

2.00pm Mothers Day Bouquet Preparation

Sunday 30 March— Mothering Sunday

10.30am All Together Service—Portchester School

6.00pm Evening Service (Parish Hall)

Rev Ian will be on retreat from 24th to 28th March

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 the **Parish of St Mary's Warsash. The parish gives thanks for:** God that he is encouraging us into new ways of relating to Him and outreaching to our local community. Pray for us to hear the Holy Spirit clearly and to be obedient in our following. **The parish seeks prayer for:** two new Church Wardens to be found for our Annual Meetings on 23 March!

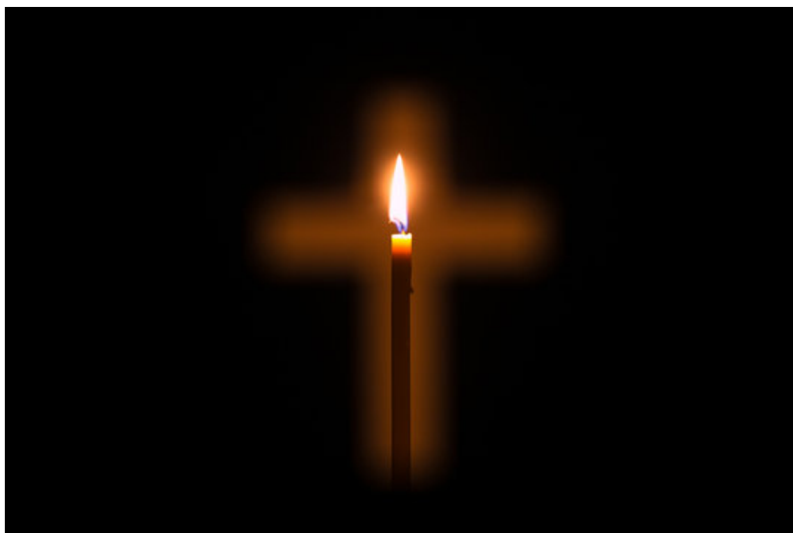
For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) – Mountview Avenue, Redwood Drive, Lock Approach, The Fairway and Gladstone Gardens.

For the world around us:

As the days lengthen and the temperatures start to rise, many people will start to think about planning holidays and days out. This week, let us pray for all those involved in the holiday and hospitality industries, especially in our area. *Dear Father, thank You for holidays, recreation and days out; times to rest, relax and recharge! We pray for all employed in the leisure and holiday industries. We are grateful for all those who work long and often anti-social hours so that we can enjoy ourselves. Bless and encourage them. Thank You for all who will be coming as visitors to our local area this Spring and Summer. Remind us, dear Holy Spirit, to give them a warm and kind welcome. 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, Gary and Paul Wallen.

For those who have died—Betty Atkinson



TONIGHT— Our evening service at The Parish Hall will look at “Where Turkish Delight leads” (Temptation, choices). The worship will be for Lent. Starting at 6.00pm all are welcome.

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.

Saturday 12th April—Men’s Breakfast 8.00am to 9.45. The speaker will be Roger French who is a well-known local Bible teacher. This will be his first visit to St Mary’s.

Sunday 13th April—Palm Sunday. We will be having an All Age Service at our 9.30am service, so no communion. If you are able please join us at the oak tree in Castle Street at 9.15 for our procession to church, lead by TS Tenacity band.

Saturday 26th April—Skittles Evening, 7.00pm start. Join us for our annual skittles evening. Tickets available from the Tea Room, Parish Office, MyChurchSuite or QR code on the poster. £7.00 including a meal. Please bring your own drink.

Safeguarding—The diocese is being audited by an external company, INEQE, regarding Safeguarding within the diocese. A survey has been launched which allows anyone to comment on safeguarding across the diocese. The survey is available until April 2 and be accessed online at: ineqe.com/churchofengland/portsmouth

News and Notices



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.

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.

