



St Mary's Church,
Portchester



Sunday 30 March 2025

4th Sunday Of Lent ~ Mothering Sunday

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



10.30am All Together Service ~
Three Congregations – One Church

6.00pm Evening Service (Parish Hall)



Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 31 March

MPR: Psalm 77/ John 9.18-end

7.30pm Hand Bells (Tea Room)

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass

Tuesday 1 April

MPR: Psalm 79/ John 10.1-10

10.00am Staff Meeting (Office Closed during this time)

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

7.00pm Lent Alpha Course (Tea Room)

Wednesday 2 April

MPR: Psalm 90/ John 10.11-21

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am St Mary's Lambs

2.00pm Slow Stitch Club (Parish Hall)

6.30pm Holy Communion

7.00pm The Drama of Scripture (The Hub)

Thursday 3 April

MPR: Psalm 86/ John 10.22-end

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 4 April

MPR: Psalm 102/ John 11.1-16

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)

2.00pm Friday Friends

2.30pm Wicor Year R Easter Service

6.00pm Youth Alpha & Pizza (The Hub)

6.15pm Connect Youth Group (Parish Hall)

7.45pm Momentum Youth Group (Parish Hall)

Saturday 5 April

MPR: Psalm 32/ John 11.17-27

8.30am Ladies Breakfast (Parish Hall)

10.00am Spirituality 'Something Understood' (The Hub)

Sunday 6 April- Lent 5-PASSIONTIDE

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist followed by Interment of Ashes of Mr & Mrs Bridge

11.30am Later Morning Service with Immersion Baptism

2.00pm Renewal of Wedding Vows

2.15pm Tea & Company (Parish Hall)

6.00pm Evening Service (Parish Hall)

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.

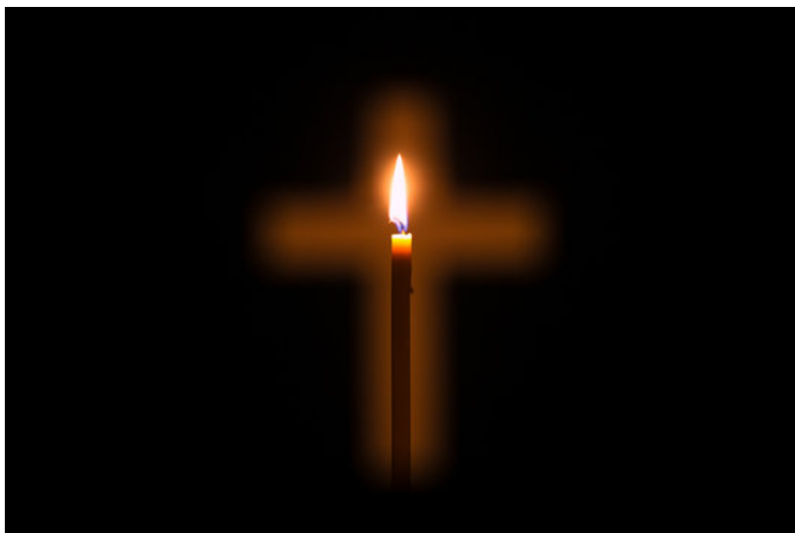
For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: this Sunday, all churches in the Deanery will be praying for the **Parish of St Peter & St Paul, Fareham. The parish gives thanks for:** the few Priests who continue to support us, for the resilience of our Congregation and prayers for the vulnerable, anxious and fragile members of our worshipping community **The parish seeks prayer for:** fledgling relationships with neighbouring Parishes will flourish.

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) – Wicor Mill Lane, White Hart Lane, Boxwood Close and Portsview Gardens

For the world around us:

At the time of writing, a ceasefire has been agreed between Russia and Ukraine covering commercial shipping in the Black Sea. Ukraine provides huge amounts of grain and other products for countless nations around the world. Let us pray that this will lead to further agreements between the 2 countries. Dear Father God, thank you for this good news from peace talks between Ukraine and Russia. We pray that this fragile beginning will lead to a wider and more sustained peace. We humbly ask that You bless the Peacemakers, according to Your promises. We pray against satan using this as an opportunity to disrupt and cause chaos. Lord may there be a just Peace. In the Name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

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



TODAY—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.

TONIGHT— Our evening service at The Parish Hall will look at "A deeper magic at work" (OT prophecies, Jesus' ministry). The worship will be for Messianic. Starting at 6.00pm all are welcome.

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.

Thursday 17th April— 1pm to 4pm, Easter Holiday Club, will be held at the scout hut, Chalky Walk for year R-year 6 age children. Please request a registration form from Amy Sparks if you would like your child to attend, childrensworker@stmary-portchester.org.uk

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.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH —We are planning on providing Christmas Lunch in The Parish Hall on Christmas Day for those who would be on their own. We need volunteers to commit now, so that we know if we have enough people to cook, serve and clear away on Christmas Day. Please only volunteer if you can 100% guarantee to help on Christmas Day. Please contact The Parish Office if you can help.

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.

