



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 13 April 2025



Palm 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

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

Rev Ian Meredith

9.15am Procession of Palms from Castle Street

9.30am All Age Service followed by Interment of Ashes of Mr Anthony Penny

Celebrant: Rev Ian Meredith

Preacher: Rev Adam Gay

11.30am Later Morning Service

Leader & Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

4.00pm Café Church

6.00pm Evening Service (Parish Hall)

Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant
that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also
be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 50.4-9a
Philippians 2.5-11
Luke 22.14-23 end
9.30 Service Only
Matthew 21:1-11

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 10.34-43
1 Corinthians 15.19-26
John 20.1-18

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 14 April

MPR: Psalm 41/ Lamentations 1.1-12a
Church & Castle Grounds Closed from 5.00pm

Tuesday 15 April

MPR: Psalm 27/ Luke 22.[24-38] 39-53
7.00pm Lent Alpha Course (Tea Room)

Wednesday 16 April

MPR: Psalm 102/ Luke 22.54-end
9.00am Morning Prayer
10.30am St Mary's Lambs—Drop In session
1.30pm Funeral of Lara Conlon

Thursday 17 April—Maundy Thursday

MPR: Psalm 42/ Luke 23.1-25
9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group
1.00pm Easter Holiday Club (Scout Hut)
1.00pm Women's Bible Study (The Hub)
7.30pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist & Vigil
7.30pm AA Meeting (Tea Room)

Friday 18 April—Good Friday

MPR: Psalm 69/ Genesis 22.1-18
9.30am Walk of Witness (The Precinct)
12.00 noon Meditations On The Cross
2.00pm Friday Friends (Darcy's Coffee Shop)

Saturday 19 April

MPR: Psalm 142/ John 2.18-22
10.00am Spirituality 'Something Understood' (The Hub)
8.00pm Confirmation (Portsmouth Cathedral)

Sunday 20 April—Easter Sunday

6.00am Easter Vigil
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Eucharist
11.30am Later Morning Service

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.

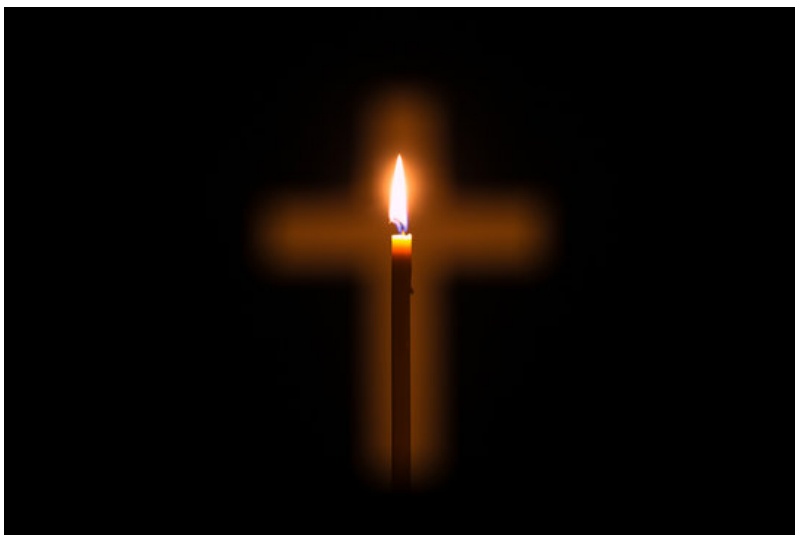
For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: this Sunday, all churches in the Deanery will be praying for the **Parish of Holy Rood and St Edmunds**. **The parish gives thanks for:** the success of our fundraising for our guttering project. **The parish seeks prayer for:** our Alpha course starting at the end of this month.

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) – Mullion Close, Morningside Avenue, Simpson Close, Garden Court and Wicor Path.

For the world around us:

Today is Palm Sunday, the day we focus on Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey, the crowds waving palm leaves as people cheered and welcomed Him. But, where do our Palm crosses come from? Most of them are made in a group of 6 villages in the Masai area of southern Tanzania. Let us pray for those who make them. *Heavenly Father, we thank You and praise You for all those who harvest the palm leaves, dry them and then fold them into beautiful crosses. Bless their dedication and hard work. Thank You too Lord that the proceeds are now being used to benefit the communities in many ways, for example, a maternity clinic. As we hold the crosses in our hands, help us to remember the makers alongside The Maker and King of Kings. In His Name we pray, 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.



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

Thursday 17th April— Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Vigil starting at 7.30pm. Please note there will be NO service on Wednesday 16th April.

Friday 18th April—**Good Friday.** 12 noon, three hour meditation. The service is divided into six thirty-minute sections each beginning and ending with a hymn. We ask for worshippers to come in and out only during the hymn and not at other times, as it disrupts which is a sensitive and deeply reflective service.

Sunday 20th April—**Easter Sunday**— As we celebrate the resurrection, we have four services : 6.00am, 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.30am.

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.

Thursday 1st May— sees the start of our next 'Growing in Faith' course, "Christian Worship through the ages". Starting at 7.00pm at The Hub, this course will run for four weeks and will be lead by Eric Standen. Please sign up via the church website or My ChurchSuite or via the Parish Office.

HELP REQUIRED, TEA ROOM MARQUEE— As we now seem to have some better weather, we would like some willing and strong volunteers to help put the Tea Room marquee up. Monday 14th April is the day, if you can help please be at the church at 10.00am. Refreshments will be provided.

Preparation of Electoral Roll - Everyone we hold an email address will have received an invite to complete the new Electoral Roll form online. Please check your spam folder if you haven't received the email. Others will receive it by post. Please ensure these are completed and returned by Sunday 4th May.

PHOTO REQUEST—Does anyone have any photo's of VE Day Street Parties. Please see Richard Andrews if you can help.

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.

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.

