



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 19 October 2025



Trinity 18

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

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

9.30am Parish Eucharist followed by the Interment of Ashes of Penny Wood

Celebrant: Rev Adam Gay

Preacher: Rev Trevor Hubble

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

11.30am Later Morning Service

Leader: Carol Gay

Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

1.30pm Baptism of Damien Haswell

4.00pm Cafe Church

6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

Worship & Teaching series on "Revival" No 4

Collect for 18th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 31:27-34
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Joel 2: 23-32
2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 20 October

MPR: Psalm 80/ Mark 15:1-15

7.30pm Hand Bells (Tea Room)

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass

Tuesday 21 October

MPR: Psalm 89:1-18/ Mark 15:16-32

9.00am Prayer Meeting @ Dore Ave (Opp Kilmiston Drive)

11.00am Trafalgar Day Service at Nelson Monument

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group (North Transept)

7.00pm Alpha Course

Wednesday 22 October

MPR: Psalm 119:105-128/ Mark 15:33-41

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am St Mary's Lambs

6.30pm Holy Communion

7.30pm PCC (Tea Room)

Thursday 23 October

MPR: Psalm 92/ Mark 15:42-end

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

1.30pm Women's Bible Study (The Hub)

7.00pm Four Gospels—One Jesus Study Course (The Hub)

7.30pm AA Meeting (Tea Room)

Friday 24 October

MPR: Psalm 88/ Mark 16:1-8

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)

2.00pm Friday Friends

Saturday 25 October

MPR: Psalm 97/ Mark 16:9-end

Sunday 26 October

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service with Immersion Baptism

6.00pm Evening Service (Parish Hall)

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:



For this parish: For our Alpha course currently taking place. Carol Gay their leader and all the team: and for all those taking part that they will find their faith coming alive and growing, and that many questions will be answered.

For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: this Sunday, we will be praying for the parish of **St John's Church, Fareham**

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

For the world around us:

Give thanks for the progress made in bringing lasting peace in the Middle East, especially between Israel and Gaza. Pray for innocent victims in war zones throughout the world. Bring a ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine. Pray for migrants risking their lives to escape poverty, war, homelessness, freedom and liberty. Pray for the people of Sudan.

For those who are ill or recovering – Kate Hanley, Terry Gautrey, Liz Nice, Hazel Bunker, Jim Moore, Stuart Tyler, Hazel Young, John Browning, Janet Lynn, Malcolm Greenall, Terry Bridger, Gwen Meatyard, Julian Cole, Baby Ethan Smith, Lennox, Caitlin (15 years), Sophie Carnaghan, Baby River Fry, Jackie Scadden and Paul Wallen.

**The Flowers in Church this week are In Memory of
Roger & Mary Millard**





News and Notices



TODAY—Café Church returns following its short summer break. Starting at 4.00pm, this informal event includes something for everyone.

TONIGHT—Our Evening Services continue at the Parish Hall at 6.00pm. Rev Ian and Eric Standen will be leading this evening, on the subject of Wales - 1904. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday 21st October—Trafalgar Day wreath laying service at Nelson's Monument on Portsdown Hill starting at 11.00am.

Thursday 23rd October—"Four Gospels One Jesus" a new Growing in Faith course starts at The Hub, 7.00pm. Running for 5 weeks the course will be led by Rev Ian. Please sign up via the Parish Office or QR code on the poster.

Friday 31st October— Family Light Party, 5.00pm till 8.00pm in church. All welcome to join a night of music, dinner, hot chocolate, Lantern Decorating and games. Free event, please use the sign up sheet in church so we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes. Please contact Amy Sparks for any enquiries.

Saturday 1st November—St Mary's Youth Fireworks. Gates open 6.30pm, fireworks at 7.15pm. Tickets available from the Tea Room, Parish Office or QR code, £5.00 adult, under 5's £3.00, family tickets are available.

Sunday 2nd November—All Souls Service. 3.00pm. Join us for our annual All Souls Service, a gentle and reflective time to remember those whose funerals have been conducted by St Mary's over the past year. This service is open to anyone who has lost a loved one in recent years and would like to honour their memory in prayer and quiet remembrance. All are welcome.

Tuesday 4 November - The funeral of Ellis Wheatley will take place at 11.00am in church, following by a private family committal.

Junior Church—We now have a Junior Church running on the first two Sundays of each month at the 9.30am Parish Eucharist. The 11.30am Junior Church continues to have activities every week. Could parents please register their children for junior church either via the QR code on the notice board or requesting a paper form from Amy Sparks.

Christmas Hampers the Pastoral Team and Friday Friends are once again preparing hampers for those spending Christmas alone. To help, please: Take a white ticket from the box on the prayer board table—each ticket represents an item to donate; Place your contributions in the 'Items for Hampers' box nearby; If you'd prefer to give financially, use an envelope marked 'For Hampers'. All donations needed by 30th November. Thank you for supporting this.

Christmas Fayre Donations – Week Two - As we begin our countdown to the Christmas Fayre, we'll be inviting donations of different items each week to help make the event a festive success. This week, we're collecting Bottles (unopened, not necessarily alcohol) If you're able to contribute, please bring your donations to Elaine or Dillon in the Tea Room. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Jambola Stall at Christmas Fayre—Thank you for your imaginative ideas for decorating and filling jars for the Jambola Stall. If you need jars (not pickle jars) please see Sylvia Hunns or Judy Sherry, 02392 324772.

Lift Required — Are you able to give a lift to Russell and Maragret who live in The Keep just off of Castle Street for the 11.30am service. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

Could You Be a Welcomer/Sidesperson? Being a welcomer/sidesperson is a vital part of our church life—it's about offering a smile, a friendly greeting, handing out notices and hymn sheets, and most importantly helping new friends feel at home. If you can spare a little time once a month, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to one of our churchwardens or deputies to find out more.

Support St Mary's and the Environment! We're excited to share that St Mary's is now part of Recycle4Charity. By bringing your empty printer cartridges to the Parish Office, you'll be helping to protect the planet while also raising funds for the church. Every box of returned cartridges generates valuable income for our parish. We have already received £25 from Recycle4Charity.



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