



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 5 October 2025



Trinity 16

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 Elizabeth Pearn

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Trevor Hubble

Preacher: Rev Elizabeth Pearn

11.30am Later Morning Service

Leader: Joe Snowden

Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

2.15pm Tea & Company (Parish Hall)

6.00pm Evening Service (Parish Hall)

Worship & Teaching series

on "Revival" No 2

Collect for 16th Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Lamentations 1:1-6

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 6 October

MPR: Psalm 44/ Mark 12:28-34

10.00am Pastoral Visitors Meeting (The Hub)

7.30pm Hand Bells (Tea Room)

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass

Tuesday 7 October

MPR: Psalm 48/ Mark 12:35-end

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

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group (North Transept)

7.00pm Alpha Course

Wednesday 8 October

MPR: Psalm 119:57-80/ Mark 13:1-13

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am St Mary's Lambs

6.30pm Holy Communion

7.30pm Standing Committee (The Vicarage)

Thursday 9 October

MPR: Psalm 57/ Mark 13:14-23

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

1.30pm Women's Bible Study (The Hub)

7.00pm 'Laugh your way to a better marriage' (The Hub)

7.30pm AA Meeting (Tea Room)

Friday 10 October

MPR: Psalm 51/ Mark 13:24-31

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)

2.00pm Friday Friends

Saturday 11 October

MPR: Psalm 68/ Mark 13:32-end

8.00am Men's Breakfast

12.00noon Wedding of Toby Hollingsworth & Lauren Jones

Sunday 12 October

10.30am All Together Service (Portchester School)

6.00pm Evening Service (Parish Hall)

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:



For this parish: For the work of our Anna Chaplains (Eric and Sue) and the care homes where they minister (Woodlands, Carleen and Cams). Pray for our elderly and housebound as well as our members in nursing homes that they will still feel connected to St Mary's and God's care.

For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: this Sunday, we will be praying for the parish of **Holy Rood and Crofton**.

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — Kenya Road, Olive Crescent, Portsview Avenue, Coverack Way and Conifer Mews.

For the world around us:

Prayers for the people of Sudan, where the ongoing war is causing famine, displacement and rights abuses. Give thanks for progress in finding solutions to the Israel/Gaza war and pray for all parties to work together to resolve the ongoing issues. Pray for the people of Syria and Afghanistan where economic collapse and reduction in food combines to produce severe hunger. Pray for the people of Ukraine where damage to the infrastructure, especially health care centres is causing extreme stress. Pray for people where the effects of climate change and environmental stress are impacting their lives. Pray for our troubled World.

For those who are ill or recovering – 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.

For those who have died - Ellis Wheatley



TONIGHT—Our Evening Services continue at the Parish Hall at 6.00pm. Rev Ian and Rev Elizabeth will be leading this evening, on the subject of England—18th Century. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday 11th October—Men's Breakfast from 8.00am till 9.45am. We welcome Steve Oliver who will be giving a light-hearted talk at some colourful characters in church history, with his "Curious Clerics & Roguish Reverends" talk. All gents and friends are welcome.

Sunday 12th October— Our only morning service will be an 'All Together Service' at Portchester Community School starting at 10.30am. The speaker will be Canon Andrew White "The Vicar of Baghdad".

Sunday 19th October—Café Church returns following it's short summer break. Starting at 4.00pm, this informal event includes something for everyone. All are welcome.

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.

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 Fayre—Saturday 29th November. If you wish to book a stall at this year's Christmas Fayre, please contact Dillon Simpson or Elaine Johnson in the Tea Room.

Friday Friends MacMillan Afternoon - An amazing £263 was raised at the MacMillan Afternoon last Friday, which was hosted by Friday Friends. We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who made the afternoon such a success, it was an afternoon filled with friendship, laughter and, of course, a lot of sampling of the wonderful cakes that were very kindly donated. Thank you!

Church of The Ascension, North End are holding a film night on Thursday 23rd October, showing 'Hard Luck' & 'The Freshman' from 1921 & 1925, with live musical accompaniment on the organ by their vicar. Further details on the poster at the back of church.

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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