



St Mary's Church,
Portchester



Sunday 18th January 2026

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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 Elizabeth Pearn

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Elizabeth Pearn Preacher: Rev Adam Gay

11.30am Later Morning Service

Leader: Richard Gunton Preacher: Rev Elizabeth Pearn

4.00pm Cafe Church

6.00pm Christian Unity Service

at Portchester Methodist Church

Collect for The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of
your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 49: 1-7
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1: 29-42

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Acts 9: 1-22
Matthew 19: 27-end

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 19 January

MPR: Psalm 146/Matthew 24:1-14

7.30pm Hand Bells Rehearsal - Tea Room

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 20 January

MPR: Psalm 132/Matthew 24:15-28

9.00am Prayer Meeting @ Joe & Kathy Snowden's Home

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

6.45pm Alpha Course - Tea Room

7.15pm Bible Study - Church

Wednesday 21 January

MPR: Psalm 81/Matthew 24:29-end

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.3 am St Mary's Lambs

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 22 January

MPR: Psalm 76/Matthew 25:1-13

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

1.30pm Women's Bible Study - The Hub

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 23 January

MPR: Psalm 27/Matthew 25:14-30

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

2.00pm Friday Friends

6.15pm Youth Groups - Parish Hall

7.00pm Burns Night Supper

Saturday 24 January

MPR: Psalm 122/Matthew 25:31-end

Sunday 25 January - Epiphany 3 - Conversion of Paul

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: Give thanks for all those who took copy of J. John 's booklet "More than a Christmas Carol" at the various services, and that seeds of searching will be sown in hearts. Pray for our new Alpha course starting on 20th January, that some from the Christmas services will attend.

For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: this Sunday, we will be praying for the parish of **St Peter & St Paul Fareham.**

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) – Nelson Avenue, Beachway, Rogate Gardens and Island View Walk.

For the world around us:

Lord, we ask you to help our world at this time of great concern. Pray that the Spirit of Peace inspires the hearts of leaders everywhere. Pray for the people of Iran, Venezuela, America, Ukraine, Sudan, Syria, and Gaza where instability is causing extreme fear, hardship, starvation, homelessness and loss of aid. Pray for people where extreme weather has caused damage to properties through flooding and fires.

For those who are ill or recovering – –Shirley Stewart, Jim Moore, Ethan Smith, Caroline Cosgrove, Peter Battley, Stuart Tyler, Hazel Young, Malcolm Greenall, Gwen Meatyard, Julian Cole, Sophie Carnaghan, Baby River Fry, Jackie Scadden and Paul Wallen.



Sunday 18th January- 4.00pm, Cafe Church, Informal worship for all the family.

Sunday 18th January- 6.00pm, Christian Unity Service to be held at Portchester Methodist Church.

Alpha Course- The next Alpha course will start on Tuesday 20 January 2026 at 6.45pm in the church. Please contact Jeff Gennings for further information or to book a place ~ jeffgennings@gmail.com

Friday 23 January- Burns Night Supper. Join us for a celebration of Robert Burns, 6.30pm in church. 3 Course meal with wine or soft drinks. All Tickets have now been sold.

Tuesday 27th January- The funeral of Glyn Wadey will take place at 11.00am in church. All are welcome to attend.

Saturday 7th February- 9.00am, Ladies Breakfast held in the Parish Hall. The guest speaker will be from Home Instead. All Ladies are very welcome.

Sunday 8th February- All Together Service 10.30am at Portchester Community School, White Hart Lane, followed by a bring & share lunch. This will be the only service today.

Saturday 14th February- 8.00am, Men's Breakfast The guest speaker will be Bryan Jerrard on the Origins of Words and Phrases. All men are very welcome.

Saturday 14th February- 4.30pm Join us for an afternoon of activities and pancake-themed games. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. We're also looking for volunteers to make pancakes ahead of time so they can be warmed and served during the party. If you're able to help, please speak with Dillon in the Tea Room.

Wednesday 18th February- Ash Wednesday. Rev Ian will be leading a service at St Peter & St Paul, Fareham at 10.30, which anyone from St Mary's is welcome to attend. We will have a said Eucharist at 1.00pm here at St Mary's and a Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm.

Safeguarding Training - we have arranged two training sessions for those whose who need to renew their training. Foundation Safeguarding course will be held on Wednesday 18 February starting at 1.00pm at The Parish Hall. Domestic Abuse Safeguarding will be held on the same day, starting at 3.00pm again in The Parish Hall. Please use the sign up sheet on the notice board or contact The Parish Office to book your place.

Helper needed for the 9.30 junior church on the first Sunday of the month. Would you like to help with our children's ministry once per month? Our 9.30 junior church is often very calm and quiet with most children attending 11.30. As a helper you will be assisting the leader, encouraging the children and helping to pack away. Please contact Amy if you can help childrensworker@stmary-portchester.org.uk

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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