



St Mary's Church, Portchester

Sunday 25th January 2026



Conversion of Paul

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

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Derek Johnson

11.30am Later Morning Service

Leader: Carol Gay Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

Collect for The Conversion of Paul

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Malachi 3: 1-5
Hebrews 2: 14-18
Luke 2: 22-40

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 26 January

MPR: Psalm 108/Matthew 26:1-16

7.00pm Faith & Doubt Discussion Group @ 199 Dore Ave

7.30pm Hand Bells Rehearsal - Tea Room

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 27 January

MPR: Psalm 36/Matthew 26:17-35

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

11.00am Funeral of Glyn Wadey

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

6.45pm Alpha Course - Tea Room

7.15pm Bible Study - Church

Wednesday 28 January

MPR: Psalm 46/Matthew 26:36-46

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.3 am St Mary's Lambs

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion

7.30pm PCC Meeting - Tea Room

Thursday 29 January

MPR: Psalm 47/Matthew 26:47-56

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

1.30pm Women's Bible Study - The Hub

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 30 January

MPR: Psalm 65/Matthew 26:57-end

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

2.00pm Friday Friends

6.15pm Youth Groups - Parish Hall

Saturday 31 January

MPR: Psalm 68/Matthew 27:1-10

10.00am Wedding Preparation Session

Sunday 1 February - Candlemas

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service

2.15pm Tea & Company - Parish Hall

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:



For this parish: We give thanks for the Alpha course just started and pray for all those who will attend, that their faith will come alive and grow 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 Peter's Titchfield**.

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) – Carbis Close, Richmond Rise, Webb Road, Westlands Grove and Merlin Gardens.

For the world around us:

Pray for an end to violence in Sudan where unrest continues to devastate lives. Pray for the protection of vulnerable people. Pray for wisdom, restraint and courage among world leaders, negotiators, and peacemakers. Pray that God's Kingdom would advance in the darkest places, that the Church worldwide would be a visible sign of hope, reconciliation, and sacrificial love.

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.





This Morning 9.30am- We welcome back Rev Derek Johnson as our celebrant and preacher

Monday 26th January- Faith & Doubt Discussion Group meet at 199 Dore Ave at 7.00pm. 'Spiritual Direction' by Henri Nouwen is the book to be discussed. The meeting will cover the preface, the introduction, and chapter 1. The group look forward to welcoming you to what is always an interesting evening.

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 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

Rev Ian's book on the Creed - Pleased to say that we now have further copies of Rev Ian's book which are available on the welcome table. Only £10, if paying by card please write your name on the sheet next to the books.

News and Notices



Eileen Parker's Funeral will be held on Tuesday 3 February at Holy Rood Church, Stubbington, 10.30am,. All are welcome to attend.

Christian Kurdish friendship group: Judith Kerby is looking for some support to run a group on Saturday mornings. Either learning support with English or welcoming young mums

Christian Aid - after decades, Valerie Agar has tirelessly ran this but is looking for someone with a little more energy to take up the baton on behalf of St Mary's .Please contact Cheryl on 07939 010331 for more information on this and the Kurdish friendship group.

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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