



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 29th March 2026



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

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

9.15am Palm Sunday Procession

9.30am Palm Sunday Service

Celebrant: Rev Ian Meredith Preacher: Rev Adam Gay

11.30am Later Morning Service

Service Leader: Richard Gunton Preacher: Carol Gay

6.00pm Evening Service with Communion~ 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
Matthew 21:1-11

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 10:34-43
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 30 March

MPR: Psalm 41/Lamentations 1:1-12a

7.00pm Faith & Doubt Discussion Group at Hilary Dawson's home

7.30pm Hand Bells Rehearsal - Tea Room

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 31 March

MPR: Psalm 27/Lamentations 3:1-18

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

1.00pm Easter Holiday Club at Scout Hut

6.45pm Alpha Course - Tea Room

Wednesday 1 April

MPR: Psalm 102/Jeremiah 11:18-20

9.00am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Easter Holiday Club at Scout Hut

2.00pm Slow Stitch Club - Parish Hall

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion followed by Talk by Rev Ian

Thursday 2 April - Maundy Thursday

MPR: Psalm 42/Leviticus 16:2-24

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

1.30pm Women's Bible Study - The Hub

2.00pm Easter Family Film Afternoon

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist & Vigil

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 3 April - Good Friday

MPR: Psalm 69/Genesis 22:1-18

9.30am Procession of Witness - Portchester Precinct

12.00 noon Meditations On The Cross

Saturday 4 April

MPR: Psalm 142/Hosea 6:1-6

Sunday 5 April - Easter Sunday

6.00am Easter Vigil

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service

Rev Ian will be on holiday from 6 to 13 April

This Week's Prayers



Please remember the following in your prayers:

For this parish:

We thank you for the gift of music and for those who offer their talents to enrich our worship. Bless our organist and musicians with joy, inspiration, and steady hands as they serve you. May their music continue to lift our hearts and draw us closer to your presence.

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) — Montrose Avenue, Seaview Avenue, Edward Grove and Southwick Avenue.

For the world around us:

Pray for civilians in areas affected by war. For families grieving loss and those living with fear and uncertainty. Pray for leaders and negotiators working for peace. Pray for communities struggling with rising food costs and shortages especially in parts of East Africa. Pray for areas affected by extreme weather, for protection, resilience and wise stewardship of the earth.

For those who are ill or recovering – Marilyn Nash, Joyce Wadey, Val McDermott, Ethan Smith, Caroline Cosgrove, Jim Moore, Stuart Tyler, Hazel Young, Malcolm Greenall, Julian Cole, Sophie Carnaghan, Baby River Fry, Jackie Scadden and Paul Wallen.

For those who have died – Nita Wilson, David Macgregor & Fredrick Yates



TONIGHT - Evening Service at 6.00pm in The Parish Hall. The fifth and final in the series entitled "The Devil Wants You Back" , based on The Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis. There will also be a Passover style communion at this service. All are welcome to attend.

Monday 30th March - Faith & Doubt group meet at Hilary Dawson's home at 7pm., discussing part 2 of 'Spiritual Direction ' by Henri Nouwen. Everyone is welcome.

Easter Holiday Club - Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April 1.00pm to 4.00pm at The Scout Hut Chalky Walk for Years R to Year 6. Please contact Amy for more information and registration forms, childrensworker@stmary-portchester.org.uk

Wednesday 1st April - 6.30pm Holy Communion, followed at 7.15pm by a Theology talk by Rev Ian on "Theories of The Atonement"

Children's Film Show - Thursday 2 April 2.00pm in church. We will be showing the animated film The King of Kings. Please contact Amy for more information, childrensworker@stmary-portchester.org.uk

Thursday 2 April, 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist of the Last Supper and Vigil of Repose.

Friday 3rd April, Good Friday Procession of Witness, 9.30am at Portchester Precinct followed at 12.00 noon Meditations On The Cross at St Mary's Church.

Saturday 4th April, There will be NO Ladies Breakfast in April

Sunday 5th April, Easter Sunday, 6.00am Easter Vigil, 8.00am Holy Communion, 9.30am Parish Eucharist & 11.30am Later Service. There is **NO** Tea & Company or Evening Service Today.

Foliage Wanted If anyone has any foliage that would be suitable for the flower displays for Easter, please get it to church before 9.30am on Easter Saturday.

The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday, 3 April. Open as normal on Tuesday 7 April.

"Time Out for Parents"- A four part course run by Care for the Family. Starts on Thursday April 16th at The Hub at 7.00pm. Sign up on the sheet or QR code or via the Parish Office

Preachers Workshop- Rev Ian will lead four sessions on preaching, starting on Thursday 21 May, 7.00pm at The Hub. Sign up on the sheet or QR code or via the Parish Office

Chilli & Curry Night – Join us on Saturday 18 April at 6.00pm (6.30pm start) in church. Tickets are £10, including a meal and disco. A raffle will also be held. Buy your tickets from the Tea Room, Parish Office, or via the QR code on the poster

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – will be held on Tuesday 26 May starting at 7.00pm in church.

'A Incredible Belief'– Rev Ian's book on The Nicene Creed is available at the welcome desk at today's service. Only £10.

People asking for money. If anyone attending the services or hanging around outside asks you for money (or a loan) please do not in any circumstances give it to them. We have a fund in the church called "The Farmer & Ruel Fund" where help can be given to those in genuine need. Please refer anyone who asks you, to the Vicar.

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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