



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 12th April 2026



2nd Sunday of Easter

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 Phil Hiscock

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Elizabeth Pearn Preacher: Carol Gay

11.30am Later Morning Service

Service Leader: Joe Snowden Preacher: Carol Gay

1.30pm Baptism of Ezra Rafferty-Croft

6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and
wickedness that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:14a,22-32

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20 19-end

9.30am Service

Exodus 4:5 & 13-18

Philippians 4:10-14

Matthew 6:25-34

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:14a,36-41

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

9.30am Service

Psalms 103:8-14

1 John 1:5-10

John 8: 1-11

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 13 April

MPR: Psalm 19/Exodus 15:1-21

- 10.00am Pastoral Visitors Meeting - The Hub
- 7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal - Tea Room
- 7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 14 April

MPR: Psalm 8/Exodus 15:22-16.10

- 9.00am Prayer Meeting @ Joe & Kathy Snowden's Home
- 1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

Wednesday 15 April

MPR: Psalm 30/Exodus 16:11-end

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 10.30am St Mary's Lambs
- 2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group
- 6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 16 April

MPR: Psalm 28/Exodus 17

- 9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group
- 1.30pm Women's Bible Study - The Hub
- 7.00pm Growing in Faith, Parenting Course - The Hub
- 7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 17 April

MPR: Psalm 61/Exodus 18:1-12

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall
- 2.00pm Friday Friends
- 2.30pm Prayers for Persecuted Church - Sally Nguyen's home
- 7.00pm Hide Tide - Cosham Baptist Church

Saturday 18 April

MPR: Psalm 84/Exodus 18:13-end

- 6.00pm Chilli and Curry Night - **CANCELLED**

Sunday 19 April -Easter 3

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist
- 11.30am Later Morning Service - Third Sunday Special
- 6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

This Week's Prayers



Please remember the following in your prayers:

For this parish:

We thank you for all who gathered with us this Easter, and for the faith, joy, and hope they shared. Bless our clergy and volunteers, whose love and service made our worship possible. May your risen life continue to renew us all.

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

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) – All members of our congregation living outside the parish.

For the world around us:

Pray for protection for civilians, especially children where there is war or civil unrest. Pray for paths towards peace and reconciliation. Pray for provision for those lacking daily foods, for fair distribution of resources and strength for aid workers and charities.. Pray for the healing of the sick and for those who still lack access to basic health care.

For those who are ill or recovering – Marilyn Meredith, Elaine Johnson, Baby Emily Herd, 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.



Tonight- Evening Service, 6.00pm at the Parish Hall. A new six week series - Six men and women of the Bible. All are welcome

Wednesday 15th April - St Mary's Lambs meet at 10.30am in church following the Easter break.

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

Friday 17 April - Prayers for the Persecuted Church, 2.30pm at Sally Nguyen's home.

Friday 17 April - High Tide at Cosham Baptist Church.

Saturday 18th April - Chilli & Curry Night – due to low tickets sales this event has been **CANCELLED**. Please contact the Tearoom if you have purchased tickets for a full refund.

Sunday 19th April - we start a new idea today, Third Sunday Special, starting at 11.30am with today's theme of "God is building a house" which will involve Lego! Further details can be found on page 13 of April/May St Mary's News.

Saturday 2nd May - Ladies Breakfast, 9.00am at The Parish Hall. The guest speaker will be Fiona Mackintosh on Health & Independent Living Support.

Sunday 3rd May - Tea & Company at the Parish Hall, starting at 2.15pm.

Saturday 9th May - We will hold our annual Rogation Prayer Walk around the parish boundary, starting at 10.30am outside 49 Rockingham Way

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

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

Pastoral Visitors— the church is in urgent need of more pastoral visitors, if you have a few hours to spare during the week or at any time, please prayerfully consider helping with this valuable ministry. Please come and speak to Sue Oliver or contact The Parish Office

Prayer Pairs — As you will be aware, we offer one-to-one prayer in the North Transept during the 9.30am service, and after both the 9.30am and 11.30am services. We are now looking to expand the team who offer this ministry during the 9.30am Communion service. If you would like to find out more, please speak with Jennifer Jackson, who will be very happy to offer further information.

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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