



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 19th April 2026



3rd 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 Anne Boggust

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Anne Boggust Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

11.30am Later Morning Service ~ Third Sunday Special

Service Leader & Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his
risen life and serve you continually in righteousness
and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10: 1-10

9.30am Service

Genesis 45:1-3&15

Ephesians 4:25-32

Matthew 18: 21-35

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 20 April

MPR: Psalm 96/Exodus 19

- 12.30pm Memorial Service for Marilyn Woods
- 7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal - Tea Room
- 7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 21 April

MPR: Psalm 98/Exodus 20:1-21

- 9.00am Prayer Meeting @ Joe & Kathy Snowden's Home
- 10.00am Staff Meeting (Office Closed During This Time)
- 1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

Wednesday 22 April

MPR: Psalm 105/Exodus 24

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 10.30am St Mary's Lambs
- 2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group
- 6.30pm Holy Communion
- 7.30pm PCC Meeting - Tea Room

Thursday 23 April

MPR: Psalm 5/Joshua 1:1-9

- 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 24 April

MPR: Psalm 107/Exodus 28:1-4a,29-38

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall
- 2.00pm Friday Friends
- 7.30pm Adult Baptisms of Samantha Fincken & Callum Wright.
All are welcome to support Sam & Callum.

Saturday 25 April

MPR: Psalm 37:23-end/Acts 12:25-13:13

Sunday 26 April - Easter 4

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist
- 11.30am Later Morning Service
- 1.30pm Baptism of Oliver Wall
- 6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

This Week's Prayers



Please remember the following in your prayers:

For this parish:

Pray for the staff and volunteers who work in the Tea Room. This important outreach and community meeting place: bless all who serve there with warmth, patience, and kindness. May it be a space of welcome and hospitality, where friendships are formed, burdens are shared, and everyone who enters feels valued and cared for.

For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: this Sunday, we will be praying for the parish of **Hope Church, Whitely.**

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) – The Leaway, Allenby Grove, Wessex Gardens, Kenwood Road, and Hollywell Drive.

For the world around us:

Pray for paramedics and aid workers in Lebanon and Gaza, Sudan and Ukraine. Pray that the ceasefire and talks between Iran and the USA progress, resolving all issues and bringing peace to the Middle East. Pray for families facing hunger and displacement in East Africa.

For those who are ill or recovering – Linda Johnson, Pauline Browning, 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.

Flowers in church this week are in Memory of
Dennis Carter



Today - we start a new idea today, Third Sunday Special, starting at 11.30am “with today’s theme of the disciples on the road to Emmaus” from Luke 24 which will involve Lego! Further details can be found on page 13 of April/May St Mary’s News.

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

Monday 27 April - Faith & Doubt group will meet at Hilary Dawson’s home. Discussion will be on Part 3 of ‘Spiritual Direction’ by Henri Nouwen. All are welcome

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.

Thursday 7th May - ‘Young Disciples’ A fun, interactive discipleship group for children aged 8-12 to grow in faith together, learn about Jesus and how to apply God’s word to their everyday lives. Small Room, Parish Hall 5.00pm till 6.30pm. Please contact Amy Sparks for more details.

Saturday 9th May - Men’s Breakfast 8.00am in church. The speaker will be Dave Pearse on the Lost Churches of Portsmouth.

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

Thursday 14th May - Eucharist for the Feast of the Ascension, 7.30pm. There will be **NO** service on Wednesday 13 May.

Thursday 21st May - Preachers Workshop Rev Ian will lead four sessions on preaching, 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.

Date for your diary - Harvest Supper will be on Saturday 26 September starting at 6.00pm. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

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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