



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 26th April 2026



4th 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 Ian Meredith

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Adam Gay Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

11.30am Later Morning Service

Service Leader: Carol Gay Preacher: Joe Snowden

1.30pm Baptism of Oliver Wall

6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

Collect for the 4th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 7:55-60

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

9.30am Service

2 Samuel 11:2-5

James 1: 12-18

Matthew 4:1-11

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 27 April

MPR: Psalm 103/Exodus 32:1-14

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

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 28 April

MPR: Psalm 139/Exodus 32:15-34

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

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

5.30pm Tea Room Volunteers Meal

Wednesday 29 April

MPR: Psalm 135/Exodus 33

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am St Mary's Lambs

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 30 April

MPR: Psalm 118/Exodus 34:1-10,27-end

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

1.30pm Women's Bible Study - The Hub

7.00pm Growing in Faith, Parenting Course - The Hub

7.30pm Portchester Marching Band Rehearsal

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 1 May

MPR: Psalm 139/James 1:1-12

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

2.00pm Friday Friends

Saturday 2 May

MPR: Psalm 34/Exodus 40:17-end

9.00am Ladies Breakfast - Parish Hall

Sunday 3 May- Easter 5

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service

1.30pm Baptism of Iris Brown

2.15pm Tea & Company - Parish Hall

6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

This Week's Prayers



Please remember the following in your prayers:

For this parish:

Pray for all those associated with the Portchester Volunteer Marching Band as they start out as a new community group committed to celebrating local spirit and unity through music. Their rehearsals will take place at St Mary's Church.

For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: this Sunday, we will be praying for the parish of **St John's Fareham**.

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) – Colinton Avenue, The Close, The Downsway, Bryher Island and Clive Grove.

For the world around us:

Pray for persecuted Christians in sub-Saharan Africa. For children facing hunger and poverty in Haiti due to ongoing gang violence. For urban poverty in Nairobi during this Christian Aid week. Pray for Sudan, needing food, water, and health services. Pray for success in peace talks for Iran, Lebanon, Ukraine and Gaza.

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

Nostalgic Night - An evening of nostalgic music from the 1940's through to the 1970's.. Saturday 6 June 7.00pm at The Parish Hall. Live music & dancing. Tickets just £3.00 from Tea Room, Parish Office or QR code.

Parking in Castle Grounds - Please ensure that only cars with Blue Badges are parked in the castle grounds during Sunday services. These should only be parked along the churchyard wall towards the Sea Gate. Please do not park on or along the grass.

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.

Portchester Voluntary Care Facility - If you need transport to the doctor, hospital, clinic, or other medical appointments, please contact this excellent service for Portchester residents on 07759 472 473 (weekdays, 10am–4pm). Keith Philips is a voluntary driver and can provide further details, including how to apply to become a driver. A small contribution from passengers is requested for each journey.

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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