



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 5th April 2026



Easter 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

6.00am Easter Vigil

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Elizabeth Pearn

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Ian Meredith Preacher: Rev Elizabeth Pearn

11.30am Later Morning Service

Service Leader: Carol Gay Preacher: Rev Elizabeth Pearn

Collect for Easter Sunday

God our Father, by raising Christ your Son
you conquered the power of death
and opened for us the way to eternal life.

Let our celebration today raise us up
and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 10:34-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18

NEXT 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

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 6 April

MPR: Psalm 111/Exodus 12:1-14

Tuesday 7 April

MPR: Psalm 112/Exodus 12:14-36

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

Wednesday 8 April

MPR: Psalm 113/Exodus 12:37-end

9.00am Morning Prayer

11.00am Funeral of Fredrick Yates

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 9 April

MPR: Psalm 114/Exodus 13:1-16

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

1.30pm Women's Bible Study - The Hub

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 10 April

MPR: Psalm 115/Exodus 13:17-14.14

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion followed by Tea & Coffee, Parish Hall

2.00pm Friday Friends

Saturday 11 April

MPR: Psalm 116/Exodus 14:15-end

8.00am Men's Breakfast

Sunday 12 April

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service

1.30pm Baptism of Ezra Rafferty-Croft

6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

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 give thanks for the Alpha course just completed and pray for all who attended, that their faith will come alive and grow and that many questions will be answered. Pray for wisdom as we seek to start another course in the coming months and for helpers to join us.

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

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) – The Precinct shops, The schools of Portchester, The Castle and Port Solent Boardwalk.

For the world around us:

We continue to pray earnestly for all war-torn places around the world. For all those involved in the fighting, especially in Iran, Lebanon, Israel, and the Middle East and for those in Ukraine and Russia. We pray for all displaced people and those left hungry and injured because of war. Pray for leaders and those in power to work towards fair and lasting resolutions for peace in the world

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.



Today, 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.

Saturday 11th April - Men's Breakfast, 8.00am in church. The guest speaker this month will be Steve Oliver who will be giving us the 'Stories behind The Hymns'.

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 – 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.

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

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

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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