



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 10th May 2026



6th 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 Elizabeth Pearn Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

11.30am Later Morning Service

Service Leader: Rev Elizabeth Pearn Preacher: Carol Gay

6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

Collect for the 6th Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21
9.30am Service
Isaiah 14:12-21
2 Peter 2:4-10
Matthew 8:28-34

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 1: 6-14
1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11
John 17:1-11
9.30am Service
Daniel 7:13-18
Acts 2: 29-36
Matthew 28:16-20

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 11 May

MPR: Psalm 65/Numbers 16:1-35

10.00am Pastoral Visitors Meeting – The Hub

7.30pm Hand Bells Rehearsal – Tea Room

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 12 May

MPR: Psalm 126/Numbers 16:36-end

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

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

Wednesday 13 May

MPR: Psalm 132/Numbers 17:1-11

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am St Mary's Lambs

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

7.30pm PCC Meeting (Re Fabric) – Tea Room

Thursday 14 May – Ascension Day

MPR: Psalm 110/Hebrews 7:[11-25] 26-end

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

11.00am Funeral of Michael Williams

1.30pm Women's Bible Study – The Hub

5.00pm Young Disciples – Parish Hall

7.30pm Eucharist for the Feast of the Ascension

7.30pm AA Meeting – Tea Room

Friday 15 May

MPR: Psalm 16/Acts 2:37-end

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion – Parish Hall

2.00pm Friday Friends

2.30pm Prayers for the Persecuted Church

7.00pm Alpha Youth Group – Parish Hall

Saturday 16 May

MPR: Psalm 47/1 Corinthians 2

1.30pm Wedding of Jordan Amps & Lauren Green

Sunday 17 May – Easter 7

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist followed by the Interment of ashes of Joyce Knight

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:

Pray for our house groups and the homes that open in your name and the people who gather to learn, share, and grow. Bless each group with your peace, your wisdom, and your joy. May conversations be honest, friendships deepen, and your Spirit guide every moment.

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

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — St James's Way, Frobisher Grove, Marina Keep, Whitehaven and Carberry Drive

For the world around us:

Pray for Alpha courses aboard HMS Prince of Wales as it departs again. Pray for 20,000 men stranded on ships in the Gulf. Pray for peacemakers and wisdom for leaders to find opportunities for conciliation and trust. Pray for all war-torn areas of the world.

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.

For those who have died – Michael Williams, Richard Gregory and Nigel Bryant



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

Thursday 14th 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.

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

Saturday 23rd May - Vision Morning with Rev Neil Smart. 9.30am till 1.00pm at The Parish Hall. Please let us know by 17th May if you are attending.

Sunday 24th May - Pentecost Sunday, It's a St Mary's tradition to encourage as many as possible to wear red on that day, representing the red flames of Pentecostal fire. In the evening we will be hosting the Deanery Pizza & Prayer & Worship event, Pizza at 6.00pm, Prayer & Worship starts at 7.00pm. It would be great to have lots of our congregation attend this Deanery event, everyone welcome.

Tuesday 26th May - Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Tuesday 26th May starting at 7.00pm in church.

Sunday 31st May - D-Day Memorial Service for Veterans. Our annual service to honour our local war veterans, starting at 2.00pm. All are welcome.

Monday 1st June - Faith & Doubt Discussion Group meet at the home of Hilary Dawson at 7.00pm. We will discuss the epilogue of 'Spiritual Direction' before choosing the next book. All are welcome.

Thursday 4th June - Eucharist for The Feast of Corpus Christi, 7.30pm. There will be NO service on Wednesday 3rd June

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.

Sunday 7th June- Healing Service - St Mary's will host on behalf of 'Christians Together in Portchester' Led by Rev Ray Goddess of Portchester Methodist Church, starting at 6.30pm. Anyone wishing to be on Rev Ray's healing team please contact him on info@rooftopministries.com

Saturday 13th June- Portchester Gala, 11.00am to 4.00pm

Seniors Outing to Stansted Garden Centre - The annual outing arranged by Bryan Jerrard will be held on Saturday 27th June. Numbers are limited so please see Eric Standen if you wish to attend or if you could help with transport.

APCM - In preparation of our APCM, applications to join the Electoral Roll, and nominations for Churchwardens, Deanery Reps and PCC members are to be with Denise Simmons by 12th May.

Request for items- For Samia Hubble, items suitable for a tombola, lucky dips etc. Please contact Samia for further information.

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.

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

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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