



St Mary's Church,  
Portchester  
**Sunday 17th May 2026**



**7th 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 followed by the Interment of Ashes  
of Joyce Knight**

Celebrant: Rev Phil Hiscock 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 7th Sunday of Easter**

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

**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

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Acts 2: 1-21  
1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13  
John 20:19-23

# Dates for This Week



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

## **Monday 18 May**

*MPR: Psalm 93/1 Corinthians 3*

7.30pm Hand Bells Rehearsal - Tea Room

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

## **Tuesday 19 May**

*MPR: Psalm 99/1 Corinthians 12:1-13*

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

11.00am Funeral of Nigel Bryant

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

## **Wednesday 20 May**

*MPR: Psalm 29/Matthew 3:13-end*

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am St Mary's Lambs

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion

## **Thursday 21 May**

*MPR: Psalm 24/Matthew 9:35-10:20*

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

1.30pm Women's Bible Study - The Hub

5.00pm Young Disciples - Parish Hall

7.00pm PVMB Rehearsal

7.00pm Preaching Workshop - The Hub

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

## **Friday 22 May**

*MPR: Psalm 28/Matthew 12:22-32*

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

10.00am Wicor School Year 2 visit to church

2.00pm Friday Friends

## **Saturday 23 May**

*MPR: Psalm 43/Ephesians 6:10-20*

9.30am Pathways in Discipleship - Parish Hall

2.00pm Wedding of Joshua Hayes & Jade Butcher

## **Sunday 24 May- Pentecost Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service

6.30pm Deanery Pizza, Prayer & Worship

# This Week's Prayers



*Please remember the following in your prayers:*

## **For this parish:**

We pray for all young people preparing for their GCSEs in the coming weeks. Grant them calm hearts, clear minds, and confidence in all they have learned. Be with them in moments of worry, and fill them with peace and assurance. Help them to do their best, to trust in their efforts, and to know their worth is far greater than any result. Surround them with your presence and guide them each day.

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

**For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent)** – Mountview Avenue, Redwood Drive, Lock Approach, The Fairway and Gladstone Gardens.

## **For the world around us:**

Pray for all those affected by the hantavirus and the medics treating them. And for all aid workers and medics working in war-torn countries. Pray for the safety of journalists as well. Pray for children experiencing hunger, displacement and poverty due to wars, civil disturbance, or environmental factors such as drought or flooding.

**For those who are ill or recovering** – Russell Ferne, 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** – Barbara Sherry and Ron Silverthorne



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

**Thursday 21st 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 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 6.30pm, Prayer & Worship follows. 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](mailto: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.

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

**Request for items for Gala-** Both Samia Hubble and Leroy Osbourne are asking for items suitable for a tombola, lucky dips etc and help raise money at the Portchester Gala.

**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.

**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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