



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 24th May 2026
Pentecost



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

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11.30am Later Morning Service

Service Leader: Rev Elizabeth Pearn Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

6.30pm Deanery Pizza, Prayer & Worship

Collect for the Pentecost Sunday

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 40:12-17,27-31
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28: 16-20

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 25 May

MPR: Psalm 126/Luke 9:18-27

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 26 May

MPR: Psalm 132/Luke 9:28-36

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

7.00pm APCM

Wednesday 27 May

MPR: Psalm 119:153-end/Luke 9:37-50

9.00am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

7.00pm Meal & Discussion for Young Men - By Invitation

6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 28 May

MPR: Psalm 143/Luke 9:51-end

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

12.00 Interment of Ashes of Joan Denyer

1.30pm Women's Bible Study - The Hub

7.00pm PVMB Rehearsal

7.00pm Preaching Workshop - The Hub

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 29 May

MPR: Psalm 144/Luke 10:1-16

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

2.00pm Friday Friends

Saturday 30 May

MPR: Psalm 147/Luke 10:17-24

Sunday 31 May- Trinity Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service

2.00pm D Day Service

This Week's Prayers



Please remember the following in your prayers:

For this parish:

As we prepare for our Annual Meeting, we thank you for all you have done among us this past year. Guide those who lead, encourage those who serve, and renew our shared vision for your mission in this place. May all we do be for your glory and the building up of your Church.

For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: this Sunday, we will be praying for the parish of **St Peter & Paul, Fareham.**

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) – Wicor Mill Lane, White Hart Lane, Boxwood Close and Portsview Gardens.

For the world around us:

Let us pray for all those affected by the Ebola virus outbreak, for patients and medics working among them. Pray for those around the world who do not receive adequate health care through wars, civil unrest and poverty. Prayers for all the medical aids working in war zones and those delivering medicines. Pray that treatment is available where it is needed

For those who are ill or recovering – Evelyn Darbyshire, Russell Ferne, Thelma Lewis, Pauline Browning, Elaine Johnson, Baby Emily Herd, Marilyn Nash, Joyce Wadey, Ethan Smith, Caroline Cosgrove, Jim Moore, Malcolm Greenall, Julian Cole, Sophie Carnaghan and Paul Wallen.

For those who have died – Elizabeth Turner



TODAY- Pentecost Sunday. This 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. Reports have been emailed to all those on the Electoral Roll.

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

Saturday 6th 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- Picnic & Sports after the 11.30am service. Dillon and Ben are organising a relaxed picnic and sports gathering after the 11:30am service on the first Sunday of each month. There will be activities for all ages—do come along and join in! Please bring your own picnic.

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

Wednesday 10th June- Parents Course starting at 12.00 noon in church. Please speak with Rev Elizabeth for details.

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.

Italian Evening- Tickets are now on sale for our Italian Evening with Meal & Quiz. Saturday 18 July 6.30pm start in church. Tickets £7.00 from the Tea Room, Parish Office or QR code

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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