



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 31st May 2026
Trinity 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

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Adam Gay Preacher: Carol Gay

11.30am Later Morning Service

Service Leader: Joe Snowden Preacher: Carol Gay

2.00pm D Day Service

Collect for the Trinity Sunday

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we
may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 12:1-9
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 1 June

MPR: Psalm 85/Mark 3:31-end

10.00am Pastoral Visitors Meeting - The Hub

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

7.30pm Hand Bells Rehearsal

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 2 June

MPR: Psalm 5/Luke 10:38-end

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

10.00am Staff Meeting (Office closed during this time)

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

Wednesday 3 June

MPR: Psalm 119:1-32/Luke 11:1-13

9.00am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group -Meeting Outdoors

2.00pm Slow Stitch Club - Parish Hall

2.00pm Wedding of Paul Ninness & Florence Barker

7.30pm Standing Committee - The Vicarage

Thursday 4 June - Corpus Christi

MPR: Psalm 147/1 Corinthians 10:1-17

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

1.30pm Women's Bible Study - The Hub

7.30pm Eucharist for Corpus Christi

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 5 June

MPR: Psalm 19/Luke 11:29-36

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

2.00pm Friday Friends

7.00pm Alpha Youth - Parish Hall

Saturday 6 June

MPR: Psalm 23/Luke 11:37-end

9.00am Ladies Breakfast - Parish Hall

6.45pm Nostalgic Night - Parish Hall

Sunday 7 June - Trinity 1

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service followed by Sports Picnic

2.15pm Tea & Company - Parish Hall

6.00pm Christians Together- Healing Service

This Week's Prayers



Please remember the following in your prayers:

For this parish:

For all who quietly care for our church each week—the Cleaning Team, Flower Team, our Verger, Sacristans, and the Fabric & Maintenance Team. Bless the hands that clean, arrange, repair, and prepare this place for worship. May their faithful service bring joy, and may they know how deeply their work helps us meet you in beauty, order, and peace.

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

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — Kelvin Grove, Hospital Lane, Beaulieu Avenue and Coral Close

For the world around us:

Pray for civilians trapped in violence, for hostages and grieving families, for restraint for leaders and for genuine peace making. Pray for Sudan and the growing global hunger crisis. Pray for disease outbreaks and collapsing health systems in parts of Africa, the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda.

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.



This Afternoon- 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- Ladies Breakfast, 9.00am Parish Hall. Our planned speaker is now unavailable, so we will have a social morning. All ladies welcome.

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. All places are now taken but if you would like to be put on the reserve list please contact Eric Standen or the Parish Office.

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 from the Tea Room, Parish Office or QR code

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.

Hymn Suggestions - Following Rev Ian's article in the latest magazine, only one person has suggested a list of hymns. If you have some you would like to have sung, please e-mail him in the coming week as the new list will soon be published.

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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