



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 3rd May 2026



5th 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 Anne Boggust Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

11.30am Later Morning Service

Service Leader: Carol Gay Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

1.30pm Baptism of Iris Brown

2.15pm Tea & Company - Parish Hall

6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

Collect for the 5th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting
life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 7:55-60

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

9.30am Service

2 Samuel 11:2-5

James 1: 12-18

Matthew 4:1-11

NEXT 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

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 4 May

MPR: Psalm 145/Numbers 9:15–end; 10:33–end

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 5 May

MPR: Psalm 19/Numbers 11:1–33

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

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

5.00pm Social Team Meeting – Tea Room

Wednesday 6 May

MPR: Psalm 30/Numbers 12

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am St Mary's Lambs

2.00pm Slow Stitch Club – Parish Hall

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion

7.30pm Portchester Christians Together Meeting

Thursday 7 May

MPR: Psalm 57/Numbers 13:1–3,17–end

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

1.30pm Women's Bible Study – The Hub

5.00pm Young Disciples – Parish Hall

7.00pm Growing in Faith, Parenting Course – The Hub

7.30pm Portchester Marching Band Rehearsal

7.30pm AA Meeting – Tea Room

Friday 8 May

MPR: Psalm 138/Numbers 14:1–25

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion – Parish Hall

2.00pm Friday Friends

7.00pm High Tide – St Margaret's Southsea

Saturday 9 May

MPR: Psalm 146/Numbers 4:26–end

8.00am Men's Breakfast

10.30am Rogation Prayer Walk

Sunday 10 May– Easter 6

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service

6.00pm Evening Service – Parish Hall

This Week's Prayers



Please remember the following in your prayers:

For this parish:

We pray for Callum and Sam recently baptised into your church. Bless them as they grow in faith. Also pray for our two new youth groups as they start in the coming weeks. May they be places of welcome, joy and belonging.

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

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) – Kenya Road, Olive Crescent, Portsview Avenue, Coverack Way and Conifer Mews.

For the world around us:

Pray that King Charles visit to the USA confirms and endorses peace and reconciliation between the UK and the USA. Pray for protection of civilians after the aggression and coup in Mali. For aid to reach those in need here and in Sudan, Yemen, Ukraine, and the Middle East. Pray for resilience for families affected by climate change disasters, especially in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.

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.



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

Sunday 3rd May - Tea & Company at the Parish Hall, starting at 2.15pm.

Thursday 7th 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 9th May - Men's Breakfast 8.00am in church. The speaker will be Dave Pearse on the Lost Churches of Portsmouth.

Saturday 9th May - We will hold our annual Rogation Prayer Walk around the parish boundary, starting at 10.30am outside 49 Rockingham Way

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

Thursday 21st May - Preachers Workshop Rev Ian will lead four sessions on preaching, 7.00pm at The Hub. Sign up is now closed.

Sunday 24th May - Pentecost Deanery Pizza & Prayer & Worship event to be held at St Mary's Church. 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.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – will be held on Tuesday 26 May starting at 7.00pm in church.

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.

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.

Prayer Pairs – As you will be aware, we offer one-to-one prayer in the North Transept during the 9.30am service, and after both the 9.30am and 11.30am services. We are now looking to expand the team who offer this ministry during the 9.30am Communion service. If you would like to find out more, please speak with Jennifer Jackson, who will be very happy to offer further information.

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

Portchester Voluntary Care Facility - If you need transport to the doctor, hospital, clinic, or other medical appointments, please contact this excellent service for Portchester residents on 07759 472 473 (weekdays, 10am–4pm). Keith Philips is a voluntary driver and can provide further details, including how to apply to become a driver. A small contribution from passengers is requested for each journey.

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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