



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 21st June 2026
Trinity 3



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 Ian Meredith Preacher: Carol Gay

11.30am Later Morning Service ~ Third Sunday Special

Service Leader: Rev Ian Meredith Preacher: Carol Gay

Collect for the Trinity 3

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 21:8-21
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 22:1-14
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 22 June

MPR: Psalm 71/Luke 15:1-10

- 1.00pm Funeral of Barrie Downer
- 7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal
- 7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 23 June

MPR: Psalm 73/Luke 15:11-end

- 9.00am Prayer Meeting @ Joe & Kathy Snowden's Home
- 11.00am Funeral of Latif Jamal
- 1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

Wednesday 24 June

MPR: Psalm 50/Luke 3:1-17

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 10.30am St Mary's Lambs
- 12.00noon Parents Course
- 2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group
- 6.30pm Holy Communion
- 7.30pm PCC Meeting - Tea Room

Thursday 25 June

MPR: Psalm 78:1-39/Luke 16:19-end

- 9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group
- 1.30pm Women's Bible Study - The Hub
- 7.00pm PVMB Practice
- 7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 26 June

MPR: Psalm 55/Luke 17:1-10

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall
- 2.00pm Friday Friends - Darcy's Coffee Shop
- 3.00pm Wedding of George Ingram & Karis Powell

Saturday 27 June

MPR: Psalm 76/Luke 17:11-19

- 2.00pm Stanstead Park Garden Afternoon Tea

Sunday 28 June - Trinity 4

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist
- 11.30am Later Morning Service

This Week's Prayers



Please remember the following in your prayers:

For this parish:

Please pray for the 14 members of our congregation who are on the parish pilgrimage this week to Holy Island and Durham. Pray that as well as being a physical break, it will be a time of good fellowship and spiritual nourishment.

For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: this Sunday, we will be praying for the parish of **Hope Church, Whiteley.**

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — Portsdown Road, York Gardens, Rudgewick Close and Coppins Grove.

For the world around us:

Pray this week that the 'memorandum of understanding' between Iran and the US holds fast, enabling the Middle East to return to peace and better ways of understanding. Pray that the Iranian peoples can return to their daily lives in peace and with understanding for their welfare needs. Pray that they have support as they try to build their lives again after the war. Pray that the strait of Hormuz opens quickly in order that the world's economies improve. That the essential supplies needed for subsistence living reach those in need. Pray also for the people of Lebanon.

For those who are ill or recovering – Evelyn Darbyshire, Russell Ferne, Thelma Lewis, Pauline Browning, Peter Battley, Marilyn Nash, Joyce Wadey, Ethan Smith, Caroline Cosgrove, Jim Moore, Hazel Young, Malcolm Greenall, Julian Cole and Sophie Carnaghan.

For those who have died — Barrie Downer, Beryl Roberts, Latif Jamal and Stephen Pinney.



Today- The 11.30am service will be a Third Sunday Special with the theme of 'The World Cup'.

Wednesday 24th June- Parents Course at 12.00 noon in church. Please speak with Rev Elizabeth for details.

Saturday 27th June - Seniors Outing to Stansted Garden Centre - The annual outing arranged by Bryan Jerrard. 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.

Thursday 2nd July - 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.

Monday 6th July - Faith & Doubt Group will meet at the home of Hilary Dawson. The group are starting to read 'Discernment' by Henri Nouwen so it is a good time to join them. All are welcome.

Friday 10th July - We will be welcoming youth from all over the diocese as St Mary's host High Tide.

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

Sunday 19th July - Rev Ian will be preaching at Choral Evensong at Portsmouth Cathedral starting at 5.45pm. The congregation from St Mary's will be welcome to attend to hear his first sermon since becoming an Honorary Canon of the cathedral.

Thursday 23rd July -Lunch Time music at St Mary's. Starting at 1.00pm, Wendy Callear will be leading "An Immersive Experience" reliving Songs You Thought You'd Forgotten. Free Admission with retiring collection.

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

Parish Office Closure - Please note that the Parish Office will be closed for the day on Thursday 25th June.

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.

Could You Be a Welcomer/Sidesperson? Being a welcomer/sidesperson is a vital part of our church life—it's about offering a smile, a friendly greeting, handing out notices and hymn sheets, and most importantly helping new friends feel at home. If you can spare a little time once a month, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to one of our churchwardens or deputies to find out more.

Samia Hubble would like to thank everyone who supported her gala stall through donations and other contributions. She raised £170, which will be shared between St Mary's Church and St Monica's School in South Africa.

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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