



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 28th June 2026
Trinity 4



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

The Clergy

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This Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Trevor Hubble Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

11.30am Later Morning Service ~ Third Sunday Special

Service Leader: Joe Snowden Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

Collect for the Trinity 4

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19,25-30
9.30am Service Only.
Isaiah 6:1-8
Mark 10:35-45

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 29 June

MPR: Psalm 113/Acts 11:1-18

7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 30 June

MPR: Psalm 89:1-18/Luke 18:1-14

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

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

Wednesday 1 July

MPR: Psalm 119:105-128/Luke 18:15-30

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am St Mary's Lambs

12.00noon Parents Course

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

2.00pm Slow Stitch Club – Parish Hall

6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 2 July

MPR: Psalm 92:/Luke 18:31-end

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

5.00pm Young Disciples – Parish Hall

7.00pm PVMB Practice

7.30pm AA Meeting – Tea Room

Friday 3 July

MPR: Psalm 92/John 11:1-16

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion – Parish Hall

2.00pm Friday Friends – Darcy's Coffee Shop

2.00pm Wedding of Benjamin Goodbody & Donna Chandler

Saturday 4 July

MPR: Psalm 97/Luke 19:11-27

Sunday 5 July – Trinity 5

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service followed by Sports Picnic

2.15pm Tea & Company – Parish Hall

Rev Ian will be on holiday from 29th June returning on 18th July

This Week's Prayers



Please remember the following in your prayers:

For this parish:

Pray for the staff and volunteers who work in the Tea Room. This important outreach and community meeting place: bless all who serve there with warmth, patience, and kindness. May it be a space of welcome and hospitality, where friendships are formed, burdens are shared, and everyone who enters feels valued and cared for.

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

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) – Skew Road, Canons Barn Close, The Keep, Tintagel Way and Castle View Road.

For the world around us:

Pray for civilians, refugees, aid workers, and leaders in places affected by war - Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan. For the global hunger crisis, especially in Sudan, South Sudan, Yemen, Palestine, Somalia and parts of Nigeria. For extreme weather and climate related disasters including heatwaves, droughts and floods. Pray for compassion and wisdom for world leaders.

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 – Amanada Walker



Wednesday 1st July - Parents Course at 12.00 noon in church. Please speak with Rev Elizabeth for details.

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.

Sunday 5th July - At our 9.30am service we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the ordination to deacon of Rev Trevor. Please join us.

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. Leroy is looking for volunteers to help with safety & security. Please contact Leroy if you are able to help.

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 Admissioin 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

Summer Holiday Club - will run from the 18th to the 20th August 1pm till 4pm at the Scout Hut in Chalky Walk. This will be for children in Year R to Year 6. Lots of activities are planned. For more details and a registration form please contact Amy, childrensworker@stmary-portchester.org.uk

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.

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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