



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 12th July 2026
Trinity 6



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 Anne Boggust

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Trevor Hubble Preacher: Rev Anne Boggust

11.30am Later Morning Service followed by Sports Picnic

Service Leader & Preacher: Carol Gay

Collect for the Trinity 6

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 25:19-34
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 28:10-19a
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 13 July

MPR: Psalm 126/Luke 20:41-21:4

7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 14 July

MPR: Psalm 132/Luke 21:5-19

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

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

Wednesday 15 July

MPR: Psalm 119:153-end/Luke 21:20-28

9.00am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 16 July

MPR: Psalm 143/Luke 21:29-end

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

11.00am Funeral of Amanda Walker

7.00pm PVMB Practice

7.30pm AA Meeting – Tea Room

Friday 17 July

MPR: Psalm 144/Luke 22:1-13

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion – Parish Hall

2.00pm Friday Friends

2.30pm Prayers for the Persecuted Church @Sally Nguyen home

7.00pm Alpha Youth – Parish Hall

Saturday 18 July

MPR: Psalm 147/Luke 22:14-23

10.30am Baptism of Samuel Mitchell

2.00pm Wedding of Shane Holder & Samantha Fincken

6.00pm Italian Evening with Quiz

Sunday 19 July – Trinity 7

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service

Rev Ian is on holiday he will be returning on 18th July

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:



For this parish:

We pray for Amy our Children's Worker and the team of volunteers who are involved in the ministry with children, young people and their families. Bless them with wisdom, patience and joy as they share your love. Strengthen and encourage them in their service, and help them to build caring and faith-filled relationships. May the children, young people and families they support come to know your presence, guidance and peace.

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

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — Bryher Island, Buriton Close, Bayly Avenue, Cranleigh Road and Grove Avenue.

For the world around us:

We pray for those in China affected by the recent floods and tornadoes, for the people of Venezuela still recovering from the earthquakes: for the effects on everyone from the continuing effects of climate change, including the heatwave across Europe. Pray for all those affected by war across the world and pray for peace in the Middle East.

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



Today- Today- As part of the national week of RECOGNISE 2026, we will be joining churches nationwide to celebrate and thank all those involved in ministry with children, young people and their families.

Today- The Sports Picnic will follow the 11.30am service today. Activities for all ages. Everyone welcome..

Friday 17th July - Prayers for the Persecuted Church held at the home of Sally Nguyen.

Saturday 18th July - Please note that the Tea Room will be closed from 1.00pm on this day.

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.

St Mary's Lambs - Will be meeting informally outside during July & August, weather dependent.

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

Cream Tea Event has been rearranged for Saturday 19th September and will now be at Fareham Indoor Bowling Club. Please see Bryan Jerrard or Eric Standen for information.

Skittles Evening -Tickets are now on sale for our Skittles Evening on Friday 21 August at 6.00pm. Tickets are just £5.00 and can be purchased from the Tea Room, Parish Office, or by scanning the QR code on the poster. With only 60 tickets available, be sure to get yours soon to avoid disappointment.

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

Men's Dinners - Bryan Jerrard will be hosting the last in the current series of dinners this week, thanks to all who have attended. They will re-commence in early September.

Rev Trevor & Samia would like to thank everyone for the best wishes and prayers following his service last week to celebrate his 50th anniversary of ordination.

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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