



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 19th July 2026
Trinity 7



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

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11.30am Later Morning Service

Service Leader: Rev Ian Meredith Preacher: Esther Lombardi

Collect for the Trinity 7

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 29:15-28
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Dates for This Week

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

Monday 20 July

MPR: Psalm 1/Luke 22:24–30

7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 21 July

MPR: Psalm 5/Luke 22:31–38

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

Wednesday 22 July

MPR: Psalm 30/Luke 8:1–3

9.00am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion

7.30pm PCC Meeting – Tea Room

Thursday 23 July

MPR: Psalm 15/Luke 22:47–62

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

1.00pm 'An Immersive Experience' Lunchtime Music at St Mary's

7.00pm PVMB Practice

7.30pm AA Meeting – Tea Room

Friday 24 July

MPR: Psalm 19/Luke 22:63–end

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion – Parish Hall

12.30pm Wedding of Matthew McKay & Bunty Dunford

2.00pm Friday Friends

Saturday 25 July

MPR: Psalm 7/Luke 9:46–56

Sunday 26 July – Trinity 8

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service with Communion

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:



For this parish:

Pray for those affected by extreme weather. For those suffering from wildfires across Europe. Pray for children displaced by the effects of flooding, drought, high temperatures and other changes in weather patterns. Pray for aid workers in the Middle East, Gaza, and other areas of conflict.

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

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — Coverack Way, Hill View Road, The Queensway, Nyewood Avenue and Cooper Grove.

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 and for those effected by extreme weather and climate related disasters including heatwaves, droughts and floods.

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



Today - 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.

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

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.

Friday 31st July -The funeral of Valerie Agar will be held in church at 1.00pm followed by a private service at Portchester Crematorium. No flowers but donations can be made to Christian Aid and St Mary's Church.

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

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.

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.

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

All Together Service- on Sunday 27th September we will be meeting at Portchester School at 10.30am. We will be pleased to welcome the well known minister, speaker, broadcaster and writer, J.John as our guest speaker for this service. There will be NO services in church on this date.

Singer/Guitarist to lead worship at 11.30am - we are looking for someone who would be able to lead our worship once a month at the 11.30am service. Expenses can be paid. Please contact Steve Oliver for more information.

Parish Office - The Parish Office will be closed for one week from the 10th August. Emails and messages will be accessed during the week.

Prayer Chain - Following the very sudden and sad death of Valerie Agar, for Prayer Chain requests please contact Marilyn Nash or Julia Gay.

The Funeral of Liliane Kerby (Robbie Kerby's Mum) will be held at Portchester Crematorium, South Chapel on Monday 27th July at 3.15pm, and afterwards at The Cormorant. You are welcome to join us. Please contact Judith Kerby for any other details.

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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