



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 26th July 2026
Trinity 8



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: Rev Elizabeth Pearn

11.30am Later Morning Service

Service Leader: Rev Elizabeth Pearn Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

Collect for the Trinity 8

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 32:22-31
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

Dates for This Week

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

Monday 27 July

MPR: Psalm 30/Luke 23:13-25

7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 28 July

MPR: Psalm 36/Luke 23:26-43

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

10.00am Staff Meeting

Wednesday 29 July

MPR: Psalm 34/Luke 23:44-56a

9.00am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 30 July

MPR: Psalm 37/Luke 23:56b-24:12

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

7.00pm PVMB Practice

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 31 July

MPR: Psalm 31/Luke 24:13-35

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

1.00pm Funeral of Valerie Agar

Saturday 1 August

MPR: Psalm 42/Luke 24:36-end

12.00noon Wedding of Adam Schofield & Hannah Bristow

2.00pm Wedding of Michael Jepson & Lucy Morris

Sunday 2 August - Trinity 9

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service followed by Sports Picnic

2.15pm Tea & Company - Parish Hall

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:



For this parish:

For all who quietly care for our church each week—the Cleaning Team, Flower Team, our Verger, Sacristans, and the Fabric & Maintenance Team. Bless the hands that clean, arrange, repair, and prepare this place for worship. May their faithful service bring joy, and may they know how deeply their work helps us meet you in beauty, order, and peace.

For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: this Sunday, we will be praying for the parish of **St Peter & St Paul, Fareham**

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — Sandport Grove, Lansdowne Avenue, Laverock Lea, Marina Keep and Kilmiston Drive.

For the world around us:

Pray for Nigeria where there is one death every seven minutes in childbirth. Pray for the riverine communities in Niger where lack of life jackets and out of date wooden boat transport is leading to frequent loss of life during day-to-day activities. Pray for persecuted Christians in Nigeria. Pray for those in Europe experiencing heatwaves, droughts, wildfires, and floods. Pray for peace in war torn areas.

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



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

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.

Monday 17th August - Faith & Doubt Group meet at 7.00pm at the home of Hilary Dawson to discuss part one of 'Discernment' by Henri Nouwen. All are welcome.

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, childrensministry@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.

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

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.

Castle Street Roadworks - We have been advised that work to replace the Gas Main in Castle Street will mean the road is closed from the roundabout. To access St Mary's during the road works please follow the signed diversion route.

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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