



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 2nd August 2026
Trinity 9



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 Phil Hiscock

9.30am Parish Eucharist

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11.30am Later Morning Service followed by Sports Picnic

Service Leader & Preacher: Joe Snowden

2.15pm Tea & Company - Parish Hall

Collect for the Trinity 9

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the
Spirit in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 37: 1-4,12-28
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 3 August

MPR: Psalm 44/Acts 1:1-14

7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 4 August

MPR: Psalm 48/Acts 1:15-end

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

Wednesday 5 August

MPR: Psalm 119:57-80/Acts 2:1-21

9.00am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

2.00pm Slow Stitch Club - Parish Hall

6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 6 August - Transfiguration of Our Lord

MPR: Psalm 27/1 Kings 19:1-16

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

2.00pm Wedding of Liam Hickey & Scarlett Briant

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 7 August

MPR: Psalm 51/Acts 2:37-end

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

2.00pm Friday Friends

Saturday 8 August

MPR: Psalm 68/Acts 3:1-10

Sunday 9 August - Trinity 10

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service

1.30pm Baptism of Georgia Glasgow

Rev Ian is on holiday returning 19th August.

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:



For this parish:

Please pray for Rev Ian, our clergy team, our readers, the PCC, and all our church staff. Pray also for everyone who generously gives their time, gifts, and energy to support the ministry and mission of our church, and for all who serve so faithfully in our Tea Room. May God strengthen, guide, and encourage them in all they do.

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

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — Steep Close, Castle Grove, Cornaway Lane, Lock Approach and Merton Avenue.

For the world around us:

Pray for those affected by the spread of the Ebola virus in the DRC. For those affected by wildfires across Europe especially France and Spain and for those affected by climate change in other parts of the world where there are droughts and flooding causing lack of food through poor crops. Pray for the Palestinians in Gaza and the citizens of Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine, and Russia where wars continue.

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.

For those who have died – Enid Bazeley, Mark Bailey & Maureen Cappleman



Today - Following the 11.30am service please join us for our monthly Sports Picnic in the grounds of the castle. Activities for all ages.

Today - Join us for Tea & Company at The Parish Hall starting at 2.15pm.

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

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.

Lunch Time Recital - we welcome back Fumi Otsuki and Gisela Meyer on Thursday 3rd September starting at 1.00pm, free admission with retiring collection.

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.

Enid Bazeley - sadly died last week, she had been in a nursing home in Lymington for the past two years. Her funeral will be held at St Mary's on Thursday 20th August at 2.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

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

Liliane Kerby - Robbie and Judith would like to thank the many people from St Mary's who have shown such love and support since the death and then the funeral of Robbie's Mum - Liliane Lucie Kerby. We are truly grateful to each and everyone of you - your Friendship has meant the world to us.

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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