



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 5th July 2026
Trinity 5



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 Elizabeth Pearn

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Elizabeth Pearn Preacher: Rev Anne Boggust

11.30am Later Morning Service ~ Third Sunday Special

Service Leader: Joe Snowden Preacher: Rev Elizabeth Pearn

Collect for the Trinity 5

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 25:19-34

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 6 July

MPR: Psalm 98/Luke 19:28-40

7.00pm Faith & Doubt Group at Hilary Dawson's Home

7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 7 July

MPR: Psalm 106/Luke 19:41-end

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

11.00am Funeral of Derrick Medlow

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

Wednesday 8 July

MPR: Psalm 111/Luke 20:1-8

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am St Mary's Lambs

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 9 July

MPR: Psalm 115/Luke 20:9-19

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

7.00pm PVMB Practice

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 10 July

MPR: Psalm 139/Luke 20:20-26

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

2.00pm Friday Friends

6.00pm High Tide at St Mary's

Saturday 11 July

MPR: Psalm 121/Luke 20:27-40

12.00 noon Wedding of Charles Vince & Lyn Wilson

2.00pm Wedding of Aaron Sawyer & Michelle Kendall

Sunday 12 July - Trinity 6

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service followed by Sports Picnic

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 Rev Trevor, Samia and their family as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Rev Trevor's Ordination as Deacon on the 4th July 1976 at Southwark Cathedral. We give thanks for Rev Trevor's ministry both here and abroad. May you continue to bless him with strength, joy and wisdom, and may his faithful service inspire us all to follow you more closely, sharing your love wherever we are called.

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

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) – Hollywell Drive, Quintrel Avenue, Marina Grove, Nelson Lane and Rockingham Way.

For the world around us:

Pray for the people of Venezuela affected by the two earthquakes. For the aid workers from around the world who are working with the people of Venezuela. Pray that food, clean water, shelter, and medical care reach the survivors. Pray for the government to find ways of supporting its citizens. Pray for the Democratic Republic of Congo, where teams of doctors are treating and containing the rapid spread of the Ebola disease outbreak. Pray that they get rest, nourishment and respite,

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 – Valerie Agar



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

Today- The Sports Picnic due to be held today will now be next Sunday 12th July.

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.

Wednesday 8th July - Archdeacon's Visitation at St John's Church, Fareham 7pm. This is where our two churchwardens, Denise & Ian are sworn in to serve for the coming year. It would be good if people from St Mary's could attend to support Denise & Ian.

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

Nell's Portchester Gala jams and chutneys were a great success, completely selling out. Alongside this, Ellie's generous £23 raised from her sale of greeting cards helped bring the total contribution to church funds to £246.

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.

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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