



St Mary's Church, Portchester



Sunday 23rd August 2026 Trinity 12

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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Sunday 23rd August

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Anne Boggust

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Ian Meredith Preacher: Rev Trevor Hubble

11.30am Later Morning Service with Communion

Service Leader: Carol Gay Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

Collect for the Trinity 12

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and
giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Exodus 3:1-15
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28



Dates for This Week



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

Monday 24 August

MPR: Psalm 86/John 1:43-end

7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 25 August

MPR: Psalm 106/Acts 9:1-19a

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

1.00pm Funeral of Alfred Littlefield

Wednesday 26 August

MPR: Psalm 111/Acts 9:19b-31

9.00am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion

7.30pm Standing Committee - The Vicarage

Thursday 27 August

MPR: Psalm 115/Acts 9:32-end

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 28 August

MPR: Psalm 139/Acts 10:1-16

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

2.00pm Friday Friends

Saturday 29 August

MPR: Psalm 121/Acts 10:17-33

Sunday 30 August - Trinity 13

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service

12.30pm Cake Sale

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:



For this parish:

We thank you for the gift of music and for those who offer their talents to enrich our worship. Bless our organist and musicians with joy, inspiration, and steady hands as they serve you. May their music continue to lift our hearts and draw us closer to your presence.

For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: we will be praying for the parish of **Hope Church, Whiteley.**

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — Carbis Close, Richmond Rise, Webb Road, Westlands Grove and Merlin Gardens.

For the world around us:

Pray for the Democratic Republic of Congo where the Ebola virus continues to spread. Pray for Syria where after 13 years of war there is economic devastation, severely restricted access to medical care and much homelessness. Pray for The Board of Peace talks with Israel to provide ongoing disarmament and security in Gaza.

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



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

Preaching Workshop - Rev Ian will be leading a preaching workshop for five weeks commencing Thursday 3rd September starting at 7.00pm at The Hub. Please sign up via the sheet in church or contact the Parish Office or scan the QR code on the poster.

Ladies Breakfast - returns following it's summer break on Saturday 5th September, 9.00am at The Parish Hall. This month will be a social morning. All ladies are welcome.

Patronal Festival - Sunday 6th September, in addition to our normal morning services, we will be holding a Sung Evensong at 6.30pm in church.

Men's Breakfast - also returns following it's summer break on Saturday 12th September, 8.00am at church. The Guest Speaker will be Eric Standen, talking about the 'King of Instruments'. All men are welcome.

Thursday 17th September - The church will be closed from 10.30am for the annual Scripture Union Study Day.

Friday 18th September - Prayers for the Persecuted Church will take place at 2.30pm at the home of Sally Nguyen.

Saturday 19th September - St Mary's, Home Instead and HILS are holding the first Portchester Well Being Fayre at The Parish Hall. Opening at 10.00am by the Mayor of Fareham. Please see the Posters in church for full details. If you are able to help out on the day, please contact Sue Oliver.

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.

Evening Services - will commence on Sunday 13th September, 6.00pm at The Parish Hall. This series will be on the Book of Daniel. All are welcome.

Harvest Festival - will be on Sunday 20th September with an All Age Service at 11.30am.

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.



News and Notices



Discovering & Developing Your Spiritual Gift - Andy Economides will be leading a four week course commencing Thursday 8th October starting at 7.00pm at The Hub. Please sign up via the sheet in church or contact the Parish Office or scan the QR code on the poster.

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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