



St Mary's Church, Portchester



Sunday 30th August 2026
Trinity 13

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 Ian Meredith

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Elizabeth Pearn Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

11.30am Later Morning Service with Communion

Service Leader: Rev Elizabeth Pearn Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

Collect for the Trinity 13

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 61:10-11
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 1:46-55

Dates for This Week

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

Monday 31 August

MPR: Psalm 126/Acts 10:34-end

7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 1 September

MPR: Psalm 132/Acts 11:1-18

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

Wednesday 2 September

MPR: Psalm 119: 153-end/Acts 11:19-end

9.00am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

2.00pm Slow Stitch Club - Parish Hall

6.30pm Holy Communion

7.30pm PCC Meeting - Tea Room

Thursday 3 September

MPR: Psalm 143/Acts 12:1-17

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

1.00pm Lunchtime Live Music

7.00pm Preaching Workshop - The Hub

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 4 September

MPR: Psalm 144/Acts 12:18-end

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

2.00pm Friday Friends

6.30pm Newcomers Meal (By Invitation) Parish Hall

Saturday 5 September

MPR: Psalm 147/Acts 13:1-12

9.00am Ladies Breakfast - Parish Hall

Sunday 6 September - Patronal Festival

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service

12.30pm Sports Picnic

2.15pm Tea & Company - Parish Hall

6.30pm Sung Evensong

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:



For this parish:

As our children prepare to return to school this September, we ask for your blessing upon them. Fill them with confidence, curiosity, and joy as they learn and grow. We especially pray for those starting at new schools. Calm any fears or worries they may have, help them to make new friends, and remind them that you are always with them wherever they go.

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

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — King George Road, Dore Avenue, Westbrook Road, Tudor Close and Port Way.

For the world around us:

Pray for Sudan, Gaza, and Ukraine, for those who are frightened, hungry, displaced or grieving. Pray for the hearts of those who wage war, to soften, and strengthen those who work for peace. Pray for wisdom for the world's leaders. Pray that justice, compassion, and peace prevail.

For those who are ill or recovering—Carol Farmer, Russell Ferne, Elaine Johnson, Thelma Lewis, John Browning, Hugh Sach, Richard Burgess, Lorna Webb, Peter Battley, Sue Morgan, Marilyn Nash, 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.

Mission Guatemala - Tuesday 22nd September at 7.30pm, we welcome the Humphries Family as they share their experiences from Guatemala at a Praise & Worship service.

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.

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.

Trafalgar Day Dinner - Friday 23rd October, limited tickets remain for this fundraising event. Please see Richard Andrews if you want to attend.

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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