



St Mary's Church, Portchester



Sunday 9th & 16th August 2026
Trinity 10 & Trinity 11

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 9th August

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Phil Hiscock

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Elizabeth Pearn Preacher: Carol Gay

11.30am Later Morning Service followed by Sports Picnic

Service Leader: Rev Elizabeth Pearn & Preacher: Carol Gay

1.30pm Baptism of Georgia Glasgow

Sunday 16th August

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Phil Hiscock

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Phil Hiscock

11.30am Later Morning Service

Service Leader: Joe Snowden & Preacher: Kathy Snowden

Collect for the Trinity 10

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be
persistent in prayer, give us patience and
courage never to lose hope, but always to
bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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Collect for the Trinity 11

God of glory,
the end of our searching, help us to lay
aside all that prevents us from seeking your
kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

SUNDAY 9th READINGS

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

SUNDAY 16th READINGS

Genesis 45:1-15
Romans 11:1-2a,29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20]21-28



Dates for This Week



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

Events w/c 10th August

Monday 10 August

MPR: Psalm 71/Acts 3:11-end

7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 11 August

MPR: Psalm 73/Acts 4:1-12

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

12.00noon Funeral of Mark Bailey

Wednesday 12 August

MPR: Psalm 77/Acts 4:13-31

9.00am Morning Prayer

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 13 August

MPR: Psalm 78:1-39/Acts 4:32-5:11

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 14 August

MPR: Psalm 55/Acts 5:12-26

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

2.00pm Friday Friends

Saturday 15 August

MPR: Psalm 98/Isaiah 7:10-15

Sunday 16 August - Trinity 11

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service

Rev Ian is on holiday returning 19th August.

Dates for This Week

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

Events w/c 17th August

Monday 17 August

MPR: Psalm 80/Acts 6

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

7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 18 August

MPR: Psalm 89:1-18/Acts 7:1-16

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

1.00pm Summer Holiday Club - Scout Hut

Wednesday 19 August

MPR: Psalm 119:105-128/Acts 7:17-43

9.00am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Summer Holiday Club - Scout Hut

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 20 August

MPR: Psalm 92/Acts 7:44-53

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

12.00noon Wedding of Joshua Hawker & Hayley Crawford

1.00pm Summer Holiday Club - Scout Hut

2.00pm Funeral of Enid Bazeley

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 21 August

MPR: Psalm 88/Acts 7:54-8:3

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

2.00pm Friday Friends

2.00pm Wedding of Benjamin Wakeley & Anastasia Voronova

6.00pm Skittles Evening

Saturday 22 August

MPR: Psalm 97/Acts 8:4-25

Sunday 23 August - Trinity 12

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:



For this parish:

We pray for all the young people going on the High Tide Residential and for everyone travelling on holiday. Keep them safe, help them to grow in friendship and faith, and fill their time with joy, rest, and new experiences. Bring them home refreshed and aware of your loving presence.

For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: we will be praying for the parish of Holy Trinity and St Columba and Holy Rood and Crofton, Fareham.

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — Froxfield Gardens, Leckford Close, Mullion Close, Harting Gardens and Jubilee Road & Nelson Avenue, Beachway, Rogate Gardens and Island View Walk.

For the world around us:

Pray for Nepal's mountaineering community as it mourns those lost in the avalanche on Pakistan's Broad Peak mountains. Pray for Ukrainian civilians being attacked by Russian drones. Pray for a solution to the war. Pray for migrants at danger, trying to cross the channel from France to the UK and from Morocco to the Spanish town of Ceuta. Pray for their safety and a solution to their needs. Pray for justice and peace worldwide.

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.



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

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

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.

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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