



St Mary's Church, Portchester



Sunday 13th September 2026

Trinity 15

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 6th September

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Anne Boggust

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Adam Gay Preacher: Carol Gay
(Rev Ian is at St Peter's Titchfield this morning)

11.30am Later Morning Service

Service Leader: Carol Gay Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

6.30pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

Collect for Trinity 15

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Exodus 14: 19-31
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18: 21-35

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
John 6:31-38

Dates for This Week

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

Monday 14 September

MPR: Psalm 2/John 12:27-36a

7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 15 September

MPR: Psalm 36/Acts 16:25-end

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

10.00am Staff Meeting - (Office Closed During This Time)

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

Wednesday 16 September

MPR: Psalm 34/Acts 17:1-15

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am St Mary's Lambs

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 17 September

MPR: Psalm 37/Acts 17:16-end

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

10.30am Scripture Union Retreat Day - Church Closed

1.30pm Ladies Bible Study - The Hub

7.00pm Preaching Workshop - The Hub

7.00pm PVMB Practice

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 18 September

MPR: Psalm 31/Acts 18:1-21

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

11.00am Special Time for Prayer in church

2.00pm Friday Friends

2.30pm Prayers for the Persecuted Church @ Sally Nguyen Home

Saturday 19 September

MPR: Psalm 42/Acts 18:22-19:7

10.00am Portchester Well Being Fayre - Parish Hall

12.00 Wedding of Lee Roy Boom & Stephanie Pitt

2.00pm Afternoon Tea at Fareham Bowls Club

2.00pm Wedding of Benedict White & Jennifer Mitchell

Sunday 20 September - Harvest Festival

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service - All Age Service

6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:



For this parish:

Pray for our house groups and the homes that open in your name and the people who gather to learn, share, and grow. Bless each group with your peace, your wisdom, and your joy. May conversations be honest, friendships deepen, and your Spirit guide every moment.

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

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — Solent View, Neville Avenue, Cadour Drive, Lock View and The Hillway.

For the world around us:

Pray for continued support for aid and rescue workers in Nepal and Tibet as they work tirelessly in their efforts to find survivors. Pray for daily life to return to normality for the rescued. Pray for the safety of aid workers, medics and reporters in the West Bank and other war-torn places.

For those who are ill or recovering—Carol Farmer, Russell Ferne, Elaine Johnson, Thelma Lewis, Hugh Sach, Richard Burgess, Marilyn Nash, Ethan Smith, and Sophie Carnaghan.

For those who have died —Eileen Simpson





News and Notices



Today Evening Services commence at 6.00pm at The Parish Hall. This series will be on the Book of Daniel. All are welcome.

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

Thursday 17th September - The Thursday Bible Study group starts again today meeting at The Hub at 1.15pm. All ladies welcome.

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.

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.

Faith & Doubt Discussion Group will meet again on Monday 5th October at the home of Hilary Dawson, where they will continue to discuss the book 'Discernment' by Henri Nouwen. All are welcome.

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.

Foliage Required for Harvest Festival. The church will be decorated on Friday 18th Sept, so please bring anything suitable to church by 10.00am.

An Extraordinary, Ordinary Love Story An Exhibition by Rev Celia - 12th to 18th October. Your chance to be part of the exhibition, design and make a heart and dedicate it to someone special.

Trafalgar Day Dinner - Friday 23rd October, Trafalgar Day Dinner - Friday 23rd October, If you have given your name to Richard Andrews, tickets are now available. Payment can be made using the QR code, and tickets may be collected from Richard or from the Parish Office.

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 28th November. Bookings for tables are now being taken. Please contact Dillon for more information.

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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