



St Mary's Church, Portchester



Sunday 6th September 2026 Patronal Festival

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 Ian Meredith

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Ian Meredith Preacher: Sister Mary Joy

11.30am Later Morning Service followed by Sports Picnic

Service Leader: Carol Gay Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

2.15pm Tea & Company - Parish Hall

6.30pm Sung Evensong

Collect for Patronal Festival

Almighty and everlasting God,
who stooped to raise fallen humanity
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:
grant that we, who have seen your glory
revealed in our human nature
and your love made perfect in our weakness,
may daily be renewed in your image
and conformed to the pattern of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

Dates for This Week

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

Monday 7 September

MPR: Psalm 1/Acts 13:13-43

10.00am Pastoral Visitors Meeting - The Hub

7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 8 September

MPR: Psalm 5/Acts 13:44-14:7

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

Wednesday 9 September

MPR: Psalm 119:1-32/Acts 14:8-end

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 10 September

MPR: Psalm 15/Acts 15:1-21

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

5.00pm Young Disciples - Parish Hall

7.00pm Preaching Workshop - The Hub

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 11 September

MPR: Psalm 19/Acts 15:22-35

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

11.00am Prayer Time at the church

2.00pm Friday Friends

7.00pm St Mary's Youth Group

Saturday 12 September

MPR: Psalm 23/Acts 15:36-16:5

8.00am Men's Breakfast

Sunday 13 September - Trinity 15

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service

6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:



For this parish:

In the week of our Patronal Festival, we pray for everyone involved with St Mary's Church. May we be united in faith, strengthened in service, and inspired by the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Bless our worship, our witness, and our welcome, that all who enter this holy place may know your love and peace.

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

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — Jute Close, Vincent Grove, King John Avenue, Albion Close and Carne Place.

For the world around us:

Pray for those affected by the Nepal, Tibet Himalayan floods, and mudslides- a huge and immediate catastrophe. Pray for the Democratic Republic of Congo where the Ebola virus is deadly and rapidly spreading. Pray for the protection of children, families and all innocent victims from violence and fear, caught up in wars in Iran, Lebanon, The Middle East, Ukraine, and Russia.

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.





News and Notices



Today - in addition to our normal morning services, we will be holding a Sung Evensong at 6.30pm in church.

Wednesday 9th September - There will **NO** Morning Prayer today.

Thursday 10th September - Young Disciples meet at the Parish Hall at 5.00pm. See Amy for further details.

Friday 11th September - St Mary's Youth Group for teenagers meet in Church at 7.00pm. Please contact Carol Gay or Lyn Wilson for more information.

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

Sunday 13th September Evening Services will 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.

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.

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.



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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, tickets are now sold out. If you wish to be put on the Stand-by list please see Richard Andrews.

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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