



St Mary's Church, Portchester



Sunday 18th October 2026

St Luke

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 18th October

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Anne Boggust

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Anne Boggust Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

11.30am Later Morning Service

Service Leader: Carol Gay Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

Continuing our series on the Book of Daniel

Collect for St Luke

Almighty God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul: May it please thee that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 35:3-6
2 Timothy 4:5-17
Luke 10:1-9
9.30am Service
Psalm 84
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 9:35-10:7

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Nehemiah 8: 1-4a[5-6]8-12
Colossians 3: 12-17
Matthew 24:30-35
9.30am Service
Psalm 119:9-16
Colossians 3:12-17
John 15:1-11

Dates for This Week

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

Monday 19 October

MPR: Psalm 126/2 Kings 21:1-18

7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 20 October

MPR: Psalm 132/2 Kings 22:1-23:3

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

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

6.45pm Alpha Group

Wednesday 21 October

MPR: Psalm 119:153-end/2 Kings 23:4-25

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am St Mary's Lambs

1.45pm Funeral of Karen Butcher

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 22 October

MPR: Psalm 143/2 Kings 23:36-24:17

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

1.30pm Ladies Bible Study - The Hub

7.00pm Discovering Your Spiritual Gift - The Hub

7.00pm PVMB Practice

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 23 October

MPR: Psalm 144/2 Kings 24:18-25:12

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

2.00pm Friday Friends

6.30pm Trafalgar Day Dinner (Ticket Only)

Saturday 24 October

MPR: Psalm 147/2 Kings 25:22-end

10.00am Alpha Away Day - Methodist Church

3.00pm Vow Renewal

Sunday 25 October - Bible Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service

1.30pm Thanksgiving for Aubrey Novitzki

6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall



This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:



For this parish:

Please pray for Rev Ian, our clergy team, our readers, the PCC, and all our church staff. Pray also for everyone who generously gives their time, gifts, and energy to support the ministry and mission of our church, and for all who serve so faithfully in our Tea Room. May God strengthen, guide, and encourage them in all they do.

For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: we will be praying for the parish of **Holy Rood & Crofton , Fareham**

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — Leith Avenue, Pentland Rise, Anson Grove, Carlton Road, Portobello Grove

For the world around us:

Pray that UK security is increased appropriately as the world becomes open to AI development and it's dangers. Pray for The Middle East as war is escalating. Pray for successful negotiation between leaders meeting to find solutions. French students are still trying to find ways round many issues in their schools. Pray for everyone involved in the disputes. Pray for Pope Leo as he recovers from cancer surgery.

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 – David Brunnen



This Evening - The Evening Service at 6.00pm at The Parish Hall. The series on the Book of Daniel continues. All are welcome.

Friday 23rd October - Trafalgar Day Dinner 6.30pm. All tickets have now been sold, Richard Andrews is taking names in case anyone who has purchased a ticket is unable to attend.

Friday 31st October - St Mary's Family Light Party. Starting at 5.00pm with a Quiet hour, Sensory Friendly, with calm music and table activities then from 6.00pm till 8.00pm there will be music, games, crafts and Hot Chocolate!

Sunday 1st November - All Souls Service. 3.00pm. Join us for our annual service, a gentle and reflective time to remember those whose funerals have been conducted by St Mary's over the past year. This service is open to anyone who has lost a loved one in recent years and would like to honour their memory in prayer and quiet remembrance. All are welcome

Saturday 7th November - 'Portchester Remembers' annual service taking place in the Precint starting at 10.15am

Saturday 14th November - The Big Quiz in aid of TearFund, at the Parish Hall starting at 7.00pm tickets now on sale from the Tea Room and Parish Office.

Christmas Fayre Donations – Week One - As we begin our countdown to the Christmas Fayre, we'll be inviting donations of different items each week to help make the event a festive success. This week, we're collecting **toiletries**—perfect for stocking fillers and gift baskets! If you're able to contribute, please bring your donations to Dillon in the Tea Room. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Bible Sunday - Next Sunday 25th is 'Bible Sunday' If you have any spare bibles please bring them to church so we can give them to our new members. There is a box by The Welcome Table.

End of British Summertime - Next Sunday 25th sees the end of Summer, so remember to put your clock back an hour!

Advent Quiet Day - Saturday 5th December to be held at St Andrew's Hayling Island and will be led by Rev Celia. Only 6 places remaining. Sign up sheet, QR Code or contact the Parish Office to reserve your space.

Cathy Richardson : A service of celebration for Cathy's life will be held on Saturday 7th November 2.30pm at Westbury-on-Trym Baptist Church, Reedley Road, Bristol BS9 3TE. All are welcome!

Jambola Stall - Christmas Fayre Please would you fill a jar and decorate the lid for the Jambola stall. Jars can be any size but not pickle jars. Dillon [in the Tea room] has jars if you need one. Have fun finding something to go in the jar. Thanks Sylvia Hunns

Help with the Paddock - If you are able to spare a couple hours in the coming week or so helping prepare the Paddock for winter, please speak with Leroy.

Christmas Hampers Appeal - The Pastoral Team and Friday Friends Group are once again preparing Christmas hampers for people who will be spending Christmas alone. We would be grateful for donations of items to help us fill the hampers. A box labelled 'Items for Hampers' will be available by the prayer board table. Please take a white ticket for each item you wish to donate and keep the ticket so that others know the item has been chosen. If you would like to make a financial contribution, please place your gift in an envelope marked 'For Hampers'. All donations are needed by 27 November. Thank you for your support. For more information, please contact Sue Oliver on 07909 223347.

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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