



St Mary's Church, Portchester



Sunday 1st November 2026 **All Saints' Day**

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 1st November

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant: Rev Ian Meredith Preacher: Rev Celia Jones

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

2.15pm Tea & Company - Parish Hall

3.00pm All Soul's Service

6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

Collect for All Saints' Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord. Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus

Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Revelation 7:9-17

1 John 3: 1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

9.30am Service

Isaiah 43:1-7

Acts 1:12-14

Matthew 11:25-30

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 6:12-16

1 Thessalonians 6:17-20

Matthew 25:1-13

9.30am Service

Romans 8:11-25

Luke 12:1-7

Dates for This Week

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

Monday 2 November - All Souls Day

MPR: Psalm 2/Revelation 1

10.00am Pastoral Visitors Meeting - The Hub

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

7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 3 November

MPR: Psalm 36/Revelation 2:1-11

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

10.00am Staff Meeting (Office Closed During This Time)

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

6.45pm Alpha Group

Wednesday 4 November

MPR: Psalm 9/Revelation 2:12-end

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am St Mary's Lambs

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion

7.30pm The Gateway Session

Thursday 5 November

MPR: Psalm 37/Revelation 3:1-13

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

1.30pm Women's Bible Study - The Hub

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 6 November

MPR: Psalm 31/Revelation 3: 14-end

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

2.00pm Friday Friends

7.00pm St Mary's Youth Group - Parish Hall

Saturday 7 November

MPR: Psalm 18:31-end/Revelation 4

10.15am Portchester Remembers - The Precinct

Sunday 8 November - Remembrance Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Remembrance Service

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:

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 John's Fareham**

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — The Precinct shops, The schools of Portchester, The Castle and Port Solent Boardwalk.

For the world around us:

Pray for a peaceful and settled result in the Israeli elections. And for the mid term elections in the USA. Pray that governments formed bring fair and fruitful conditions for families everywhere. Pray that poverty, food deprivation and homelessness is addressed. Pray that the outcomes bring harmony and security to each country and benefits worldwide.

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..



This Afternoon - 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

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

Monday 2nd November - The Faith & Doubt group will meet at Hilary Dawson's home starting at 7.00pm.

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

Saturday 14th November - Men's Breakfast, starts at 8.00am in church. The speaker this month will be Rev Ian on Woodbine Wille, World War 1 Chaplain & War Poet. All men are welcome to attend.

Saturday 14th November - The Big Quiz in aid of TearFund, at the Parish Hall starting at 7.00pm, teams of up to 6 players, tickets now on sale, £6 each from the Tea Room and Parish Office. Further details from Sharon Pearse

Christmas Fayre Donations – Week Three - 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 **Jars (full of small gifts/chocolates/toys)** If you're able to contribute, please bring your donations to Dillon in the Tea Room. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Advent Quiet Day - Saturday 5th December to be held at St Andrew's Hayling Island and will be led by Rev Celia. All spaces have now been taken.

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

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.

Christian Aid Rep - We are looking for a volunteer to take on the role as the Christian Aid Rep, following the great work done by the late Valerie Agar. Full details are on page 9 of the October 'St Mary's News'.

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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