



St Mary's Church, Portchester



Sunday 4th October 2026

Trinity 18

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 4th October

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Anne Boggust

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Ian Meredith Preacher: Rev Adam Gay

11.30am Later Morning Service with Communion

Service Leader: Rev Elizabeth Pearn Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

2.15pm Tea & Company- Parish Hall

6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

Collect for Trinity 18

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21: 33-46

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

8.00am Service

Genesis 18:23-32
Matthew 9:1-8

Exodus 32: 1-14
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14



Dates for This Week



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

Monday 5 October

MPR: Psalm 80/Acts 26:1-23

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 6 October

MPR: Psalm 89:1-18/Acts 26:24-end

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

10.00am Staff Meeting (Parish Office Closed)

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

6.45pm Alpha Group

Wednesday 7 October

MPR: Psalm 119:105-128/Acts 27:1-26

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am St Mary's Lambs

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

2.00pm Slow Stitch Club - Parish Hall

6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 8 October

MPR: Psalm 92/Acts 27:27-end

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 9 October

MPR: Psalm 88/Acts 28:1-16

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

10.30am Event for the 230th Anniversary of Caribbean Prisoner of War brought to Portchester Castle (Invite Only)

2.00pm Friday Friends @ Darcy's Coffee Shop

Saturday 10 October

MPR: Psalm 97/Acts 28:17-end

8.00am Men's Breakfast

12.00 Wedding of Jack Wallace & Sophie Baldock

Sunday 11 October - Trinity 19

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Commemoration Service

6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:



For this parish:

Pray for the staff and volunteers who work in the Tea Room. This important outreach and community meeting place: bless all who serve there with warmth, patience, and kindness. May it be a space of welcome and hospitality, where friendships are formed, burdens are shared, and everyone who enters feels valued and cared for.

For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: we will be praying for the parish of **St Peter's Titchfield**.

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — Grindle Close, Marlborough Grove, Audret Close, Tattershall Crescent and Newlyn Way.

For the world around us:

Pray for Yemen where war is beginning to escalate. Pray that innocent civilians are safe in their homes and supplied with food and water. Pray for a quick resolution. Pray for a deescalation to the violence in the student protests in France. And pray for the safety of Palestinians in the West Bank.

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

For those who have died – Elizabeth Rose





News and Notices



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

Monday 5th October - Faith & Doubt Discussion Group will meet at 7.00pm at the home of Hilary Dawson, where they will continue to discuss the book 'Discernment' by Henri Nouwen. All are welcome.

Thursday 8th October - Discovering & Developing Your Spiritual Gift - Andy Economides will be leading a four week course 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.

Sunday 11th October - 10.30am. We will be holding a commemorative service for the 230th anniversary of the first Caribbean prisoners of war arriving at Portchester. We will be joined by "True Steel Band" who will start playing at 10.15am.

An Extraordinary, Ordinary Love Story An Exhibition by Rev Celia - 12th to 18th October.

Friday 16th October - Prayers for the Persecuted Church, 2.30pm at Sally Nguyen's home.

Friday 16th October - St Mary's Youth Group meet at 7.00pm in The Parish Hall.

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.

All Souls Service. Sunday 1st November 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

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

Advent Quiet Day - Saturday 5th December to be held at St Andrew's Hayling Island and will be led by Rev Celia. Max. of 15 places available. 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!

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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