St Mary's Church, Portchester

Sunday 22nd November 2026

Christ The King

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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8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Elizabeth Pearn Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

11.30am Later Morning Service

Service Leader: Rev Elizabeth Pearn Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

Collect for Christ The King

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet: who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24
Ephesians 1:15-end
Matthew 25:31-end

9.30am Service

Psalm 1
Galatians 5:16-24
John 15:1-17

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 64.1-9
1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Mark 13.24-end

9.30am Service

Leviticus 19:11-18
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
John 13:31-35

Dates for This Week

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

Monday 23 November
MPR: Psalm 96/Revelation 14:1-13
1.30pm Funeral of Jason Kaye
7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal
7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 24 November
MPR: Psalm 97/Revelation 14:14-end of 15
9.00am Prayer Meeting @ Joe & Kathy Snowden's Home
1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

Wednesday 25 November
MPR: Psalm 112/Revelation 16:1-11
9.00am Morning Prayer
10.30am St Mary's Lambs
2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group
6.30pm Holy Communion
7.30pm PCC Meeting - Tea Room

Thursday 26 November
MPR: Psalm 125/Revelation 16:12-end
9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group
1.00pm Nell's Fundraising Concert
1.30pm Women's Bible Study - The Hub
5.00pm Young Disciples - Parish Hall
7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 27 November
MPR: Psalm 139/Revelation 17
9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall
2.00pm Friday Friends

Saturday 28 November
MPR: Psalm 145/Revelation 18
10.00am Christmas Fayre

Sunday 29 November - Advent Sunday
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:

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 Paul's Sarisbury Green**

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — Colinton Avenue, The Close, The Downsway, Bryher Island and Clive Grove.

For the world around us:

Pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia suffering from the latest escalation of the war. Pray for the charities and aid workers supporting them. Pray for medics and journalists at constant risk through their day-to-day work. Pray that leaders will continue to work towards a permanent peace solution. Pray for all war-torn countries where families are displaced and starving especially as temperatures start to drop. Pray for continued help from donors and charities supporting the hungry and homeless.

For those who are ill or recovering – Lorna Irwin, Rev Sally Davenport, James Foster, Calvin O'Clee, Heather, Julian Cole, Carol Farmer, Russell Ferne, Thelma Lewis, Richard Burgess, Marilyn Nash, Ethan Smith, and Sophie Carnaghan.



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.

Thursday 26th November - 1.00pm Fundraising Lunchtime Concert by Nell Wycherley and guests in aid of Adelin, a blind lad from Romania, as featured in November's St Mary's News. Free Admission, but donations welcome.

Christmas Fayre Donations – Week Six As we get nearer to the Christmas Fayre, we are inviting donations of different items each week to help make the event a festive success. This week, we're collecting **Cakes (homemade, to be sold as whole cakes, allegens need to be listed. To be brought down on either Friday the 27th or Saturday the 28th). We are also still short of Bottles.** If you're able to contribute, please bring your donations to Dillon in the Tea Room. Thank you for your support and generosity!

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

Saturday 5th December - 9.00am Ladies Breakfast at the Parish Hall. There will be Christmas activities with carols. All ladies are welcome.

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. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to be put on the wait list.

Sunday 6th December - 6.00pm Portchester Christians Together will be holding their Advent Service at The Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Saturday 12th December - 8.00am Men's Breakfast at church. The guest speaker will be Mick Mellows on the 'Faith of a Footballer'. All men are welcome.

Sunday 13th December - Christingle Services, 11.30am & 4.00pm. All are welcome to attend either service which supports the work of The Children's Society.

Saturday 19th December - Carols in the Churchyard, starting at 5.30pm, soup will be served from 5.15pm.

Parish Carol Services - will be on Sunday 20th December starting at 6.30pm and repeated on Monday 21st starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Readers for 8.00am & Prayers of Intercession for 9.30am services - We are looking for more members of the these services to read the lesson and lead the intercessions on a rota basis. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

News and Notices

St Mary's Christmas Card to raise money for Tearfund. We are thrilled to announce the launch of the 2026 Church Christmas card on Sunday 22nd November. We invite you to sign the card from yourself to all at St Mary's which means you won't need to buy boxes of cards to send to each other. To make a donation to Tearfund, you can either place it in one of the specific marked envelopes or pay by using the QR code. Thank you for joining with us in this exciting venture! Sally Nguyen & Amy Sparks.

2027 - Tickets are now on sale for the Skittles Night on Saturday 9th Janaury starting at 6.30pm in church.

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.

Want to make a donation? You can now click here to make an online donation to St Mary's Church.

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