



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 7 September 2025



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

The Clergy

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This Sunday

Welcome to St. Mary's Church

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:
Rev Ian Meredith

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Ian Meredith
Preacher: Rev Anne Boggust

11.30am Later Morning Service

Leader: Carol Gay
Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

2.15pm Tea & Company (Parish Hall)

6.30pm Sung Evensong

Collect for Our 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 61:1-11
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 1:46-55

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Numbers 21:4-9
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17



Dates for This Week



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

Monday 8 September

MPR: Psalm 98/ Mark 6:45-end

7.30pm Hand Bells (Tea Room)

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass

Tuesday 9 September

MPR: Psalm 106/ Mark 7:1-13

9.00am Prayer Meeting @ Dore Ave (Opp Kilmiston Drive)

7.00pm Alpha Course

Wednesday 10 September

MPR: Psalm 111/ Mark 7:14-23

9.00am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Holy Communion

7.30pm Standing Committee (The Vicarage)

Thursday 11 September

MPR: Psalm 115/ Mark 7:24-30

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

1.00pm Funeral of Eileen Smith

1.30pm Women's Bible Study (The Hub)

7.30pm AA Meeting (Tea Room)

Friday 12 September

MPR: Psalm 139/ Mark 7:31-end

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)

2.00pm Friday Friends

Saturday 13 September

MPR: Psalm 121/ Mark 8:1-10

8.00am Men's Breakfast

10.00am Exploring Spirituality Course (The Hub)

10.00am Ride & Stride Event

Sunday 14 September—Holy Cross

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.30am Later Morning Service

12.30pm Fund Raising Coffee Morning

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:



For this parish: Please pray for Rev Ian, our clergy, readers, PCC, church staff, for all those who give their time to help the ministry and mission of our church and Tea Room.

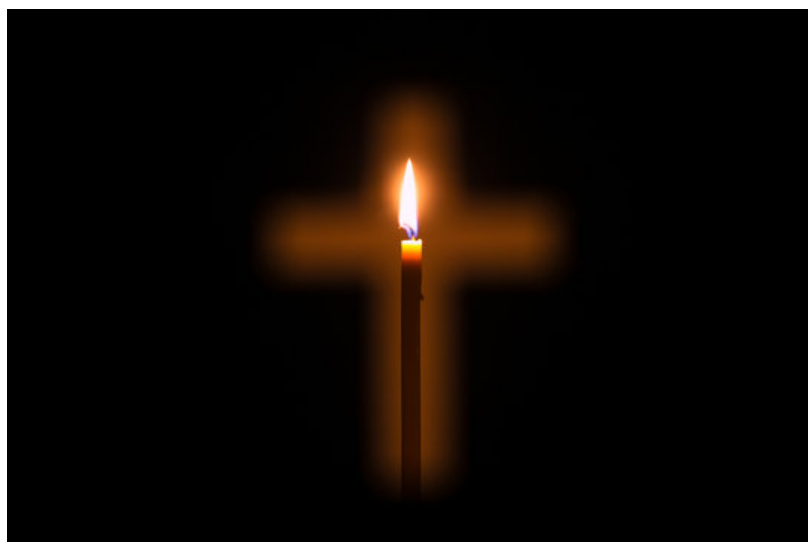
For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: this Sunday, all churches in the Deanery will be praying for the parish of **Holy Rood & St Edmund, Crofton**. **The parish gives thanks for:** All those who attended New Wine this year—everyone had a great time. **The parish seeks prayer for:** The right candidates to apply for the Children's & Youth Team Leader positions.

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:

Let us pray that the meeting in China between their leaders, and the leaders of Russia and North Korea bring about some understanding of the world's need for peace and has a good influence on it. Pray for the people of Afghanistan affected by the deadly earthquake. Pray that international aid can help bring about help to those who need it. Pakistan's floods have had devastating effects on the people of Darfur. Pray for all those in need of comfort and support. Pray for the safety of journalists in war torn countries. The landslides in Sudan have added to the troubles caused by the ongoing civil war. Pray for the people affected by these environmental calamities. Pray for all people in war torn countries.

For those who are ill or recovering – Hazel Bunker, Jim Moore, Stuart Tyler, John Browning, Janet Lynn, Malcolm Greenall, Terry Bridger, Julian Cole, Baby Ethan Smith, Lennox, Caitlin (15 years), Sophie Carnaghan, Baby River Fry, Jackie Scadden and Paul Wallen.





News and Notices



Today- will be our Patronal Festival with our normal services at 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.30am, along with a Sung Evensong at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

Today—see's the start of a brand new Junior Church at our 9.30am service running on the first two Sunday's of each month. The 11.30am Junior Church continues to have activities every week. Contact Amy Sparks for further information.

Tuesday 9th September –Our next Alpha course commences, in the church (entrance via The Tea Room) at 6.45pm with a meal followed by a video and discussion. Carol Gay will lead the course. If your interested in exploring the Christian faith, or feel you need to go through the basics again, please contact Carol or Eric Standen or the Parish Office.

Friday 12th September— due to a shortage of staff, The Tea Room will be closed today. Normal hours resume on Saturday 13th September.

Saturday 13th September— Following their summer break, the Men's Breakfast returns this morning at 8.00am in the church, their guest speaker will be Rev Dave Crees from St Paul's Church, Sarisbury Green and he will talking on his experiences as an Army Chaplain.

Sunday 14th September—Following the 11.30am service today there will be a coffee and cake sale in support of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, organised by Holly Brodrick.

Thursday 18th September –sees the return of Fumi Otsuki who will be performing at our last lunchtime concert of this year. Starting at 1.00pm, admission is free with a retiring collection.

Sunday 21st September - Rev Ian will be installed as Honorary Canon of Portsmouth Cathedral at a Choral Evensong at 5.45pm, all are welcome.

Saturday 27th September—6.00pm for 6.30pm start, join us for our Harvest Supper. Tickets are £6 and limited to 60 guests, so get yours early from the Tea Room, Parish Office, or by scanning the QR code on the poster.

New Curtains for North Transept & West Door Storage

We're arranging new curtains and fittings for these areas, and thanks to generous donations from St Mary's congregation, we've raised £2000 (including Gift Aid). We're just short of the full cost— if you'd like to contribute, please donate via bank transfer or in a white offering envelope marked "Curtains," placed in the collection or left at the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support of St Mary's ministry and fabric.

Steve Oliver, Church Treasurer

Baptism (26th Oct) & Confirmation (15th Nov) - Anyone interested in being baptised or confirmed please sign up on notice board or see Rev Ian.

“Laugh your way to a better marriage” course from 25th November. Please sign up on notice board or see Rev Elizabeth. Limited to 10 couples.

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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