



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 2 November 2025



All Saints

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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This Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Phil Hiscock

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev Ian Meredith

Preacher: Carol Gay

11.30am Later Morning Service with Immersion Baptism

Leader: Rev Elizabeth Peran

Preacher: Carol Gay

2.15pm Tea & Company (Parish Hall)

3.00pm All Souls Service

6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

Worship & Teaching series on "Revival" No 6

Collect for All Saints Sunday

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
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Daniel 7: 1-3,15-18
Ephesians 1: 11-23
Luke 6:20-31

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Job 19: 23-27a
2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5,13-17
Luke 20: 27-38

Dates for This Week

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

Monday 3 November

MPR: Psalm 2/Isaiah 1: 1-20

7.30pm Hand Bells (Tea Room)

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass

Tuesday 4 November

MPR: Psalm 5/Isaiah 1:21-end

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

11.00am Funeral of Ellis Wheatley

7.00pm Alpha Course

Wednesday 5 November

MPR: Psalm 9/ Isaiah 2:1-11

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am St Mary's Lambs

2.00pm Slow Stitch Club (Parish Hall)

6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 6 November

MPR: Psalm 15/Isaiah 2:12-end

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

10.00am Staff Meeting (Office Closed During This Time)

1.30pm Women's Bible Study (The Hub)

7.00pm Four Gospels—One Jesus Study Course (The Hub)

7.30pm AA Meeting (Tea Room)

Friday 7 November

MPR: Psalm 16/Isaiah 3:1-15

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)

2.00pm Friday Friends

Saturday 8 November

MPR: Psalm 18:31-end/Isaiah 4.2-5.7

8.00am Men's Breakfast

10.15am Portchester Remembers (The Precinct)

Sunday 9 November - Remembrance Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Service for Remembrance Sunday

11.30am Later Morning Service

1.30pm Baptism of Charlotte James

6.00pm Evening Service (Parish Hall)

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:



For this parish: Pray for all those attending our All Souls service today, that they may be comforted in their loss by the service; for all clergy and lay ministers who conduct funerals in our parish and for local funeral directors; and that many will come to faith in him who is the Resurrection and the life

For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: this Sunday, we will be praying for the parish of **St Mary's Church, Warsash.**

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — Kelvin Grove, Hospital Lane, Beaulieu Avenue and Coral Close.

For the world around us:

Pray for the Caribbean nations suffering the effects of Hurricane Melissa - especially Jamaica, Cuba and Haiti. Pray for progress and success at the C40 climate change summit in Rio. Pray for residents of Valencia in Spain still suffering the effects of flooding one year on. Millions are likely to lose food benefits in the US due to the government shutdown. Pray for their wellbeing. Pray for peace in Israel/Gaza, Russia/Ukraine, Sudan/Syria/ Congo/Haiti. And for asylum seekers fleeing the results of war. Give thanks for the peace deal between Thailand and Cambodia.

For those who are ill or recovering – Peter Battley, Kate Hanley, Terry Gautrey, Liz Nice, Hazel Bunker, Jim Moore, Stuart Tyler, Hazel Young, John Browning, Janet Lynn, Malcolm Greenall, Terry Bridger, Gwen Meatyard, Julian Cole, Baby Ethan Smith, Lennox, Sophie Carnaghan, Baby River Fry, Jackie Scadden and Paul Wallen.



TODAY—All Souls Service. 3.00pm. Join us for our annual All Souls 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.

TONIGHT—Our Evening Services continue at the Parish Hall at 6.00pm. Rev Ian and Joe Snowden will be leading this evening. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday 4 November - The funeral of Ellis Wheatley will take place at 11.00am in church, following by a private family committal. There will be a wake following the church service, provided by the Tearoom.

Saturday 8th November - Portchester Remembers, the annual Remembrance service held in the Precinct, starting at 10.15am

Thursday 13th November - A free concert in aid of Children In Need at Paulsgrove Baptist Church, PO6 4DW starting at 7.00pm. The theme of the evening is "Music you will remember". All welcome.

Friday 14th November -The Big Quiz in aid of Tearfund. Come along to the Parish Hall for a 7.00pm start, form or join a team of up to 6 people for a fun evening in aid of a good cause. Tickets just £5.00 from the Tea Room, Parish Office or QR code.

Sunday 16th November - Cafe Church, 4.00pm Our informal and relaxed service for family fellowship, children's activities and a meal.

Saturday 29th November - Christmas Fayre - 10.00am till 4.00pm. Please see request for donations over the page.

Saturday 6 December - Advent Quiet Day at St Andrew's Hayling Island, led by Rev Celia. The theme this year is "Unwrapping Advent". Sign up via QR Code on poster or contact the Parish Office.

Junior Church—We now have a Junior Church running on the first two Sundays of each month at the 9.30am Parish Eucharist. The 11.30am Junior Church continues to have activities every week. Could parents please register their children for junior church either via the QR code on the notice board or requesting a paper form from Amy Sparks.

Christmas Hampers the Pastoral Team and Friday Friends are once again preparing hampers for those spending Christmas alone. To help, please: Take a white ticket from the box on the prayer board table—each ticket represents an item to donate; Place your contributions in the 'Items for Hampers' box nearby; If you'd prefer to give financially, use an envelope marked 'For Hampers'. All donations needed by 30th November. Thank you for supporting this.

Christmas Fayre Donations – Week Four - 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 **Toys, new or nearly new with all pieces please**. If you're able to contribute, please bring your donations to Elaine or Dillon in the Tea Room. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Lift Required — Are you able to give a lift to Russell and Maragret who live in The Keep just off of Castle Street for the 11.30am service. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

Prayer Pairs—If you've received prayer from the communion prayer pairs at the 9.30 service, you'll know how valued this ministry is. We're looking for more volunteers—if you're interested, please speak to Jennifer after the service, call 07563 743146, or email gubjackson@yahoo.com.

Could You Be a Welcomer/Sidesperson? Being a welcomer/sidesperson is a vital part of our church life—it's about offering a smile, a friendly greeting, handing out notices and hymn sheets, and most importantly helping new friends feel at home. If you can spare a little time once a month, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to one of our churchwardens or deputies to find out more.

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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