



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 12 October 2025



Trinity 17

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

Welcome to St. Mary's Church

10.30am All Together Service (Portchester School)

Celebrant: Rev Ian Meredith

Preacher: Rev Canon Andrew White

6.00pm Evening Service (Parish Hall)

Worship & Teaching series
on "Revival" No 3

Collect for 17th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 29: 1,4-7
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 31:27-34
2 Timothy 3:14-4.5
Luke 18:1-8

Dates for This Week

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

Monday 13 October

MPR: Psalm 71/ Mark 14:1-11
7.30pm Hand Bells (Tea Room)
7.30pm Spinnaker Brass

Tuesday 14 October

MPR: Psalm 73/ Mark 14:12-25
9.00am Prayer Meeting @ Dore Ave (Opp Kilmiston Drive)
10.00am Funeral of Joseph Skittlethorpe
1.30pm Jennifer's House Group (North Transept)
7.00pm Alpha Course

Wednesday 15 October

MPR: Psalm 77/ Mark 14:26-42
9.00am Morning Prayer
10.30am St Mary's Lambs
6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 16 October

MPR: Psalm 78:1-39/ Mark 14:43-52
9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group
1.30pm Women's Bible Study (The Hub)
7.00pm 'Laugh your way to a better marriage' (The Hub)
7.30pm AA Meeting (Tea Room)

Friday 17 October

MPR: Psalm 55/ Mark 14:53-65
9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)
2.00pm Friday Friends
2.30pm Prayers for the Persecuted Church at 10 Portchester Heights

Saturday 18 October

MPR: Psalm 145/ Luke 1:1-4
10.00 Alpha Away Day (Shedfield Study Centre)

Sunday 19 October

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Eucharist
11.30am Later Morning Service with Communion
1.30pm Baptism of Damien Haswell
4.00pm Café Church
6.00pm Evening Service (Parish Hall)

This Week's Prayers

Please remember the following in your prayers:



For this parish: For our marriage course on Thursdays led Rev Elizabeth who is leading. Pray for any marriages which are experiencing difficulty, for families with newborn children, and for all those who are facing challenges.

For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: this Sunday, we will be praying for the parish of Hope Church, Whitely.

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — St James's Way, Frobisher Grove, Marina Keep, Whitehaven and Carberry Drive.

For the world around us:

Give thanks for the successful rescue of trekkers trapped on Mount Everest in exceptional snowfall. Pray for Nepal, battered by heavy rainfall, landslides and flash floods causing death and destruction to many. Typhoon Matmo in China has caused 150000 to evacuate their homes. Pray for their safeguard. Earthquake in Afghanistan, in the Mazar Dura valley has killed many and left thousands homeless and hungry. Protect them, Lord. Peace talks between Gaza and Israel have begun. We pray for their success. Continuous wars worldwide have caused catastrophic levels of food insecurity, including in Ukraine, Russia, Sth Sudan, Yemen, Haiti and Mali. Pray for speedy resolutions to these conflicts.

For those who are ill or recovering — 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, Caitlin (15 years), Sophie Carnaghan, Baby River Fry, Jackie Scadden and Paul Wallen.





News and Notices



TODAY—we welcome Rev Canon Andrew White to our All Together service at 10.30 at Portchester School. Please join us after the service for our 'bring & share' lunch.

TONIGHT—Our Evening Services continue at the Parish Hall at 6.00pm. Rev Ian and Joe Snowden will be leading this evening, on the subject of Ulster—1859. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday 19th October—Café Church returns following its short summer break. Starting at 4.00pm, this informal event includes something for everyone. All are welcome.

Tuesday 21st October—Trafalgar Day wreath laying service at Nelson's Monument on Portsdown Hill starting at 11.00am.

Friday 31st October— Family Light Party, 5.00pm till 8.00pm in church. All welcome to join a night of music, dinner, hot chocolate, Lantern Decorating and games. Free event, please use the sign up sheet in church so we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes. Please contact Amy Sparks for any enquiries.

Saturday 1st November—St Mary's Youth Fireworks. Gates open 6.30pm, fireworks at 7.15pm. Tickets available from the Tea Room, Parish Office or QR code, £5.00 adult, under 5's £3.00, family tickets are available.

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 One - 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 toiletries—perfect for stocking fillers and gift baskets! 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!

Jambola Stall at Christmas Fayre—Thank you for your imaginative ideas for decorating and filling jars for the Jambola Stall. If you need jars (not pickle jars) please see Sylvia Hunns or Judy Sherry, 02392 324772.

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.

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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