



St Mary's Church,
Portchester
Sunday 1st March 2026



2nd Sunday of Lent

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

8.00am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Phil Hiscock

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith

11.30am Later Morning Service

Service Leader: Richard Gunton Preacher: Carol Gay

2.15pm Tea & Company ~ Parish Hall

6.00pm Evening Service ~ Parish Hall

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your
truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 12: 1-4a
Romans 4: 1-5,13-17
John 3: 1-17
9.30am Service
2 Chronicles 6: 12-15
Hebrews 11: 1-2 & 13-16
John 14: 1-7

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Exodus 17: 1-7
Romans 5: 1-11
John 4: 5-42
9.30am Service
Exodus 20:1-4 & 7
Hebrews 12:25-29
John 17:1-8

Dates for This Week



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

Monday 2 March

MPR: Psalm 32/Genesis 43:16-end

- 10.00am Pastoral Visitors Meeting - The Hub
- 7.00pm Faith & Doubt Discussion at Hilary Dawson's Home
- 7.30pm Hand Bells Rehearsal - Tea Room
- 7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 3 March

MPR: Psalm 50/Genesis 44:1-17

- 9.00am Prayer Meeting @ Joe & Kathy Snowden's Home
- 1.30pm Jennifer's House Group
- 6.45pm Alpha Course - Tea Room

Wednesday 4 March

MPR: Psalm 35/Genesis 44:18-end

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 10.30am St Mary's Lambs
- 12.00 Lent Service & Lunch at Methodist Church
- 2.00pm Slow Stitch Club - Parish Hall
- 2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group
- 6.30pm Holy Communion
- 7.15pm House Group Leaders Meeting

Thursday 5 March

MPR: Psalm 34/Genesis 45:1-15

- 9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group
- 1.30pm Women's Bible Study - The Hub
- 7.00pm School of Ministry Course - The Hub
- 7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

Friday 6 March

MPR: Psalm 41/Genesis 45:16-end

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall
- 2.00pm Friday Friends
- 6.15pm Youth Groups - Parish Hall

Saturday 7 March

MPR: Psalm 25/Genesis 46:1-7,28-end

- 9.00am Ladies Breakfast - Parish Hall
- 9.00am Alpha Away Day

Sunday 8 March - 3rd Sunday of Lent

- 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:

For all those on our Alpha course as they go on their away day this week. Fill their time with your peace, your joy, and a deeper sense of your love. Guide their conversations, open their hearts, and draw them closer to you.

For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: this Sunday, we will be praying for the parish of **St John's Locks Heath**

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) – Linden Lea, Gate House Road, Kilwich Way, Kelsey Head and Sissinghurst Road.

For the world around us:

Pray for an end to violence, protection for civilians and wisdom for leaders in places like, Ukraine, Gaza Strip and Sudan. Pray for protection for the vulnerable, comfort the grieving and open doors to negotiation and peace. Sustain doctors, nurses and aid workers. Pray for the provision of medicines, safe births, and mental health support where trauma arises in these war zones.

For those who are ill or recovering – Leo Smith, Shirley Stewart, Ethan Smith, Caroline Cosgrove, Peter Battley, Jim Moore, Stuart Tyler, Hazel Young, Malcolm Greenall, Gwen Meatyard, Julian Cole, Sophie Carnaghan, Baby River Fry, Jackie Scadden and Paul Wallen.

For those who have died – Joan Denyer & Maureen Page



Sunday 1st March - Our Evening Services commence at 6.00pm in The Parish Hall. This series will be entitled "The Devil Wants You Back", based on The Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis. All are welcome to attend.

Monday 2 March - Faith & Doubt Discussion Group will be continuing to discuss 'Spiritual Direction' by Henri Noewen, held at Hilary Dawson's home.

Thursday 5th March - Start of a 4 week series led by Andy Economides entitled "What the World Needs". 7.00pm at The Portchester Hub (Entrance via Car Park). Sign up via Church Notice board, Parish Office, Rev Ian or QR code on the poster.

Friday 6th March - 'World Day of Prayer' service to be held at Portchester Methodist Church, 2.00pm followed by tea & cake. All are welcome to attend.

Saturday 7th March - Ladies Breakfast, 9.00am at The Parish Hall. The speaker this month will be Sharon Pearse on the work of TearFund.

Saturday 14th March - Men's Breakfast, 8.00am in church. We are delighted to announce that our guest speaker this month will be Bishop Johnathan.

Saturday 14 March - Family Celebration - 12.00 noon - 2.00pm at The Parish Hall. We are inviting all families connected to St Mary's to come to the Parish Hall for a family party. Details from Jennie Olding. RSVP to the Parish Office

Friday 20th March - St Patrick's Day Quiz, 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start in church. Tickets are just £7.00 each which includes food, available via the QR code on the poster, My ChurchSuite, Tea Room or the Parish Office.

Saturday 21st March - Lent Quiet Day, 10.00am at St John's Church (Shedfield Study Centre) led by Sister Mary Joy from the Sisters of Bethany. Sign up via Church Notice board, Parish Office or QR code on the poster

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday. We will have our procession to church starting at the Oak Tree in Castle Street at 9.15am, please join us if you are able

Easter Holiday Club - Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April 1.00pm to 4.00pm at The Scout Hut Chalky Walk for Years R to Year 6. Please contact Amy for more information and registration forms, childrensworker@stmary-portchester.org.uk

Children's Film Show - Thursday 2 April 2.00pm in church. We will be showing the animated film The King of Kings. Please contact Amy for more information, childrensworker@stmary-portchester.org.uk

Calling all knitters! - We are running low on baptism shawls. Can anyone help out with knitting some more. Please note, they must be plain white with no colours. Please contact Sue Oliver for the pattern or more details

St Mary's Prayer Chain - If anyone would like to become part of the prayer chain, please contact Marilyn Nash or Valerie Agar

Lent Lunches - St Mary's is hosting three Lent Lunches this year on Feb 25, March 4 and March 25. We need volunteers to help prepare a simple lunch, set up tables, and clear away afterwards. If you can assist on any of these dates, please contact Valerie Agar.

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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