



St Mary's Church, Portchester



Sunday 11th October 2026

Trinity 19

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: Rev Ian Meredith Preacher: Rev Celia Jones

10.30am Afro-Caribbean Service for Black History Month and Commemoration of the black prisoners at Portchester.

Service led by: Rev Ian Meredith Preacher: Rev Reginald Grant

6.00pm Evening Service - Parish Hall

Continuing our series on the Book of Daniel: Chapter 5 "The writing's on the wall"

Collect for Trinity 19

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

8.00am Service

Genesis 18:23-32
Matthew 9:1-8

Exodus 32: 1-14
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 35:3-6
2 Timothy 4:5-17
Luke 10:1-9

Dates for This Week

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

Monday 12 October

MPR: Psalm 98/2 Kings 17:24-end

10.00am Art Exhibition by Rev Celia - North Transept

7.30pm Hand Bells Group Rehearsal

7.30pm Spinnaker Brass Rehearsal

Tuesday 13 October

MPR: Psalm 106/2 Kings 18:1-12

9.00am Prayer Meeting @ Joe & Kathy Snowden's Home

10.00am Art Exhibition by Rev Celia - North Transept

1.30pm Jennifer's House Group

5.00pm Social Team Meeting - Tea Room

6.45pm Alpha Group

Wednesday 14 October

MPR: Psalm 111/2 Kings 18:13-end

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Art Exhibition by Rev Celia - North Transept

10.30am St Mary's Lambs

2.00pm Mental Health Friendship Group

6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 15 October

MPR: Psalm 115/2 Kings 19:1-19

9.30am Contemplative Prayer Group

10.00am Art Exhibition by Rev Celia - North Transept

1.30pm Ladies Bible Study - The Hub

7.00pm Discovering Your Spiritual Gift - The Hub

7.00pm PVMB Practice

7.30pm AA Meeting - Tea Room

7.30pm Standing Committee - The Vicarage

Friday 16 October

MPR: Psalm 139/2 Kings 19:20-36

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion - Parish Hall

10.00am Art Exhibition by Rev Celia - North Transept

2.00pm Friday Friends

2.30pm Prayers for the Persecuted Church @ Sally Nguyen home

7.00pm St Mary's Youth - Parish Hall

Saturday 17 October

MPR: Psalm 121/2 Kings 20

10.00am Art Exhibition by Rev Celia - North Transept

6.30pm Womens Social Event (Invite Only)

Sunday 18 October - 'St Luke'

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Art Exhibition by Rev Celia - North Transept

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:

We thank you for the gift of music and for those who offer their talents to enrich our worship. Bless our organist and musicians with joy, inspiration, and steady hands as they serve you. May their music continue to lift our hearts and draw us closer to your presence.

For other churches in the Fareham Deanery: we will be praying for the parish of **Holy Trinity & St Columba, Fareham**

For our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent) — Heritage Gardens, Caer Peris View, Portchester Heights and Cadgwith Place

For the world around us:

Pray for the rehabilitation and reconstruction project at the Nir Oz kibbutz in Israel, attacked 3 years ago on 7th October by Hamas. Pray for healing of families who lost loved ones and homes. Pray for those trying to rebuild the community. 20 houses have been rebuilt but there will be a 2 year wait for Nir Oz to be fully open again. Pray for the safety of those working on the project. Pray for reconciliation and peace in the wider Middle East.

For those who are ill or recovering—Sam Sambath, Carol Farmer, Russell Ferne, Elaine Johnson, Thelma Lewis, Hugh Sach, Richard Burgess, Marilyn Nash, Ethan Smith, and Sophie Carnaghan..

For those who have died – Karen Butcher



This Evening - The Evening Service at 6.00pm at The Parish Hall. The series on the Book of Daniel continues. All are welcome.

Monday 12th October - 10.00am till 4.00pm An Extraordinary, Ordinary Love Story - An Exhibition by Rev Celia until the 18th October in the North Transept.

Tuesday 13th October - Social Team meeting in the Tea Room 5.00pm If you will like to be involved in social events please come along.

Friday 16th October - Prayers for the Persecuted Church, 2.30pm at Sally Nguyen's home.

Friday 16th October - St Mary's Youth Group meet at 7.00pm in The Parish Hall.

Friday 23rd October - Trafalgar Day Dinner 6.30pm. All tickets have now been sold, Richard Andrews is taking names in case anyone who has purchased a ticket is unable to attend.

Friday 31st October - St Mary's Family Light Party. Starting at 5.00pm with a Quiet hour, Sensory Friendly, with calm music and table activities then from 6.00pm till 8.00pm there will be music, games, crafts and Hot Chocolate!

Sunday 1st November - All Souls Service. 3.00pm. Join us for our annual 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

Saturday 7th November - 'Portchester Remembers' annual service taking place in the Preceint starting at 10.15am

Cathy Richardson : A service of celebration for Cathy's life will be held on Saturday 7th November 2.30pm at Westbury-on-Trym Baptist Church, Reedley Road, Bristol BS9 3TE. All are welcome!

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 28th November. Bookings for tables are now being taken. Please contact Dillon for more information.

Advent Quiet Day - Saturday 5th December to be held at St Andrew's Hayling Island and will be led by Rev Celia. Max. of 15 places available. Sign up sheet, QR Code or contact the Parish Office to reserve your space.

Macmillan afternoon tea fundraising event - Friday Friends would like to thank everyone who came along to our Macmillan fund raising event in the church last Friday afternoon and enjoyed the delicious cakes, tea, good company and donated so generously. Everyone's generosity helped us to raise £326-20 for the Macmillan cause, which was absolutely amazing. Thank you!

Christmas Hampers Appeal - The Pastoral Team and Friday Friends Group are once again preparing Christmas hampers for people who will be spending Christmas alone. We would be grateful for donations of items to help us fill the hampers. A box labelled 'Items for Hampers' will be available by the prayer board table. Please take a white ticket for each item you wish to donate and keep the ticket so that others know the item has been chosen. If you would like to make a financial contribution, please place your gift in an envelope marked 'For Hampers'. All donations are needed by 27 November. Thank you for your support. For more information, please contact Sue Oliver on 07909 223347.

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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