



Week 5: Sharing the Good News

Jesus calls us to share the Good News of his resurrection. When we open our hearts to the message of the gospel and draw near to God, others are drawn to him with us into his unfailing love.

Bible reading : Romans 10.14-15

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed?

And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?

And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?

As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

We can often live in such a success- and fear-driven culture that our minds are shaped by a harsh inner critic. Living simple lives which are shaped by loving God, loving our neighbour and loving ourselves are truly beautiful.

Questions for discussion

ü Who was the person that shared the good news with you?
What did that feel like?

ü Who in your life might God be 'sending' you to?

ü We often think of sharing the gospel as preaching.
What are some small, everyday ways to share God's love without using many words?

Closing prayer

Loving God, we thank you for those you sent to bring the gospel to us. Help us to carry our faith boldly and renew us with the good news of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

Amen.



The Parish of St Mary, Portsea with St Faith's

Notices for 22nd March 2026

Passion Sunday - 5th Sunday in Lent

Today

4pm Music & Readings for Passiontide

At St Mary's.

Monday March 23rd Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
Lent (Week 5)

Tuesday March 24th 9.30am Mass at St Faith's
Lent (Week 5) followed by refreshments and **Lent reflection**
7pm PCC meets at St Mary's

Wednesday March 25th Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
Feast of Annunciation Followed by **Fellowship Lunch and Lent reflection**
1.45pm Funeral Service at St Mary's

Thursday March 26th Penbridge Easter Assembly at St Mary's
Lent (Week 5) **10.30am Mass** at St Faith's
followed by refreshments
1.30pm Funeral Service at St Mary's

Friday March 27th 10am Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
Lent (Week 5) **10.30am** by Coffee and Chat

Saturday March 28st 10am Messy Holy Week at St Mary's
Lent (Week 5) **10am Just Ask** at St Mary's *come and*

'just

enquire about Christenings, Weddings etc or simply

ask' something of the clergy.

Sunday March 29th **8am BCP Eucharist** at St Mary's
Palm Sunday **9.30am Palm Procession** from St Faith's
10am Parish Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)

Please note we often take photographs at our services and events that may appear on social media – please let us know if this causes you any problems.

If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see included on these notices, please let us know.

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Maundy Thursday April 2nd – It is our tradition to 'wash' 12 people's feet at the evening service – as Jesus washed his disciples feet at the Last Supper. Then after the service we will respond to his call to watch and pray – at St Faith's till 8pm and at St Mary's till Midnight. **Please can you sign list in church to either have a foot 'washed' or to cover a time of prayer.**

Easter Flowers to help us celebrate the light and joy of the risen Christ we will decorate the church with Lillies and flowers. **If you would like to donate in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for something then please fill in form available at Church** – or pay by BACS – reference 'flowers'

Easter Eggs as in previous years we are inviting you to donate Easter Eggs to share with families supported by the

Roberts Centre. Please can you bring them in by Palm Sunday

Tuesday 7pm PCC Meets at St Mary's

Saturday 10am – Messy Holy Week at St Mary's – craft and activities for young families ending with a lunch. Can you come and help us welcome those who are coming? If so please let Fr Bob know. Please take leaflets for friends and family

Next Sunday Palm Sunday We will start our keeping of Holy week with a **procession from St Faith's to St Mary's at 9.30am**

Full details of Holy week services in leaflet

Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st – We are hosting HAF activities for families in the churchyard and Vestry Hall. Please see Emma or Linsey for details of how to book,

Sunday April 12th At end of 10am service a blessing of the wedding of Brian and Thabi at St Mary's. You are all invited to join them for a drink and cake in the Church after the service.

Monday May 4th The May Fayre –
raffle tickets are now available for you to take and sell.
1st Prize donated by Barrells - £100!

Help please ...

Can you help on the **Saturday May 2nd in the morning** to help us prepare and set up the site etc

Can you help on the Sunday with any final prep
from 2pm

Can you help on the day – we need an Army of 100 people to manage the event and maximise the collection of

donations etc **What time between 8 am and 5pm can you offer?**

Please fill in the form asap and hand in

Items – do you have things we can sell on the day ...

Bric a Brac, books, plants toys etc –

and can you make some **cakes** for the day?

Thank you for all your support if we all do a little it will help! – **please put the date in your diary!**

Volunteers Needed for Our HAF Family Fun Days! 🌻

HAF – Holiday Activity and Food _ supported by Council

We're delighted to be hosting **HAF Family Fun Days** on **30th and 31st March** at St Mary's and we would love some extra helping hands!

The event runs from **10am to 2pm**, and we're looking for volunteers to arrive from **9am** to help us get everything set up.

We'd be grateful for support with:

- **Setting up**, including putting up gazebos
- **Cooking and preparing a hot meal** for families
- **Running activities** and helping children and parents enjoy the day
- **Tidying up** at the end of the event

If you're able to help on either day—or both!—please let us know.

Your time and kindness will make a big difference and help create two wonderful days of fun and fellowship for our families. Thank you so much!