

Public Worship in Lent

As we continue to journey through Lent and the wilderness, we can begin to think about our journey back to sharing in public worship.

The Ministry Team and Standing Committee have been reflecting on the Prime Minister's announcement of the Road Map out of Lockdown. We have done this continuing to ensure we are people of prayer, and how we can best be with God and with each other. Alongside this we have ensured that whatever we do is sustainable and creates a safe space for everyone.

As a consequence of this we have agreed the following

On **Sunday March 7th** (as schools re-open on 8th) **St Mary's will resume with an 8am BCP Service and a 10am Eucharist** open to the public which will also be streamed.

Then from **Monday March 8th** we will resume allowing a congregation to gather with us for the **Noon Eucharist at St Mary's**

We will learn from these services to enable us to resume public worship then at **St Faith's at 9am and St Wilfrid's at 4pm on March 14th** (Mothering Sunday).

As we are still in Lockdown, no mingling is permitted until the rule of 6 is allowed possibly on March 29th. **We will be asking everyone to simply enter the Church and sit down without pausing for conversations. At the end of the service the Priest will indicate how to leave in a staggered way so we can keep the exit routes clear and enable all present to simply and quietly walk out and make their way home.**

If you are able to join us please do help us and everyone to maintain and respect each other's space and follow any guidance given.

As before if you wish to be at a service it will help us to know in advance please contact myself (vicar@portseaparish.co.uk), or Revd Sam (assocvicar@portseaparish.co.uk) or Revd Sue (sue.whitelock@portseaparish.co.uk).

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We will share details of Holy Week and Easter and further steps we can take in a couple of weeks.

If you would like to join members of the Parish in Zoom Coffee and Chat please do contact me for details.

As we resume public worship, so we will reintroduce names in the **Intercessions**. If you have people you would like us to pray for please contact me.

If you have any questions or concerns, then please do not hesitate to contact me



With best wishes

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Streamed Services

- Sunday Eucharist 10am from St Mary's
- Said Eucharist Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Noon

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- **Saturday at noon is Saturday Stillness with music, a reading and prayers by the clergy and a reflection by Fr Bruce.**

You can pick up live streams on our portseaparish.co.uk/live-services, our [Youtube Channel](#), or if you have a facebook account on the St Mary's Facebook page at facebook.com/PortseaParish. There is a Daily Reflection available at portseaparish.co.uk/daily-reflections each day.

The service sheet for **mid-week Eucharists during Lent** is [available here](#).

The service sheet for **Sunday Eucharists during Lent** is [available here](#).

Worship in Church

From 7th March 2021:

- **Sunday 8am Book of Common Prayer Communion St Mary's Church**
- **Sunday 10am Eucharist at St Mary's Church**
- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Noon said Eucharist at St Mary's Church**

St Mary's will be open every day from 9am – Noon for private prayer.

From 14th March 2021 (Mothering Sunday):

- **Sunday 8am Book of Common Prayer Communion St Mary's Church**
- **Sunday 9am Eucharist at St Faith's Church**
- **Sunday 10am Eucharist at St Mary's Church**
- **Sunday 4pm Eucharist at St Wilfrid's Church**
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Before 7th March 2021:

There will be no public worship in any of the 3 Churches in St Mary's Parish. **St Mary's is open every day from 9am – Noon for private prayer.** On **Sundays** it will be open from **8am – 9.30** and then from **11am – Noon.**

For special services see the [Events List](#).

Venues

St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Portsmouth PO1 5PA. Tel: 023 9281 4444

Free parking in church grounds. Rail: Fratton station (0.6 miles). Bus 14, 18, 21 (3, 7, 23 stop nearby).

Wheelchair access to church.

St Faith's Church, Crasswell Street, Portsmouth, PO1 1HT. Tel: 023 9282 7322

Parking: 1 hr free parking 9am-6pm in Crasswell Street and surrounding controlled streets, unlimited thereafter. Pay and display in Arundel Street 8am to 6pm, free thereafter. Rail: Portsmouth & Southsea (0.2 miles). Buses: 13, 14, 21 alight Canberra Ho on Arundel Street. City centre buses nearby. Wheelchair access to the church.

St Wilfrid's Church, George St, Portsmouth PO1 5RT. Tel: 023 9282 2687.

Parking: unrestricted parking in surrounding streets. Rail: Fratton (1 mile). Bus: 14 alight Langley Rd stop on New Road. Wheelchair access to the church.