

St Mary's May Fayre

I know many of you have been looking forward to the return of the May Fayre (or even the August Fayre!) at St Mary's.

We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we have tried to discern what is possible on August 14th this year.

The Church Committee has been reviewing the current situation, the various indications of what might be required for large events after June 21^s. While it is still unclear what the final guidance and regulations will be, it seems likely that there could be some form of requiring those who attend to have evidence of a recent negative lateral flow test. Likewise social distancing or managing of crowd flow may also be suggested. It is with regret that we have to acknowledge that due to the scale of the this event, and the people who manage the entrances are all local volunteers we would be unable to meet many such requirements.

Our first priority has to be to ensure that we provide a safe event for the local community, for all who attend and for our own volunteers. We are not confident we will be able to do this so are postponing the event once more to **Monday May 2nd 2022**. We very much hope that this will be possible and that we will welcome you back to this great celebration of local life.

We will, however, be able to manage a smaller scale series of events that weekend and are proposing that we will host an indoor market – with controlled one-way system and entrances – inside the Church on Saturday August 14th. Then on Sunday August 15th we will work in partnership with the Organ Project and Fratton Big Local to host a community picnic (with limited numbers and pre booking) in the Churchyard. This will include live music performances and other entertainments.

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Stall holders can transfer bookings to May 2022 or request a refund of pitch fees. We will hold the prices once again at the 2020 level. There are also a limited number of spaces for stall holders in the Church for the August Indoor market – and if you would like to book a space then please contact us asap.

If you have any questions or comments then please do contact us



With best wishes

Father Bob

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Streamed Services

- Sunday Eucharist 10am from St Mary's
- Said Eucharist Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Noon
- Saturday at noon is Saturday Stillness with music, a reading and prayers by the clergy and

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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 Eastertide service sheet for Sundays is [available here](#).

The Eastertide mid-week service sheet is [available here](#).

Worship in Church

- Sunday 8am Book of Common Prayer Communion St Mary's Church.
- Sunday 9am Eucharist at St Faith's Church.
- Sunday 10am Eucharist with choir at St Mary's Church which is streamed.
- Sunday 4pm Eucharist at St Wilfrid's Church.
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Noon said Eucharist at St Mary's Church.

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

As we are still in Lockdown, no mingling is permitted indoors, but it is allowed to chat with one group of up to 6 outdoors while maintaining social distance. **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.** 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).

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

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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.