

⊕ THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

DUST + GLORY

A Lent journey of faith,
failure and forgiveness

Lent 2023

Join us for our Lenten journey

*In the Parish of St Mary's, Portsea
With St Faith's Landport*



As the sounds of the Parish Panto fade away for another year, and as the signs of Spring begin to appear around us we turn our hearts and minds towards Lent and the journey to Easter.

Each year in the Parish we invite you to join us on this journey and to reflect on the journey we make through our lives with Jesus, and the journey he makes for us to the Cross. This year we will be using the material from the national church, and so joining with Christians across the country and we reflect on 'Dust and Glory.'

The Archbishops' in their introduction say:

This Lent we are all invited to explore how we can live well with the mess of everyday life. It encourages us to take a fresh look at the frustrations and failings that every day brings, and rather than pretending we can always avoid them, seek to learn from them and grow closer to God through them,



After all the changes and experiences of the last couple of years, and the disruption to our patterns of life and worship we hope that each of us will use Lent this year as a chance to re-establish our life of worship and to deepen our lives of prayer.

There are a variety of ways you can share in this journey with us. There is a **copy of the Daily Reflections book available from Church (we will be giving them out on Sunday Feb 19th**, please let us know if you need one sent to you). There is also a **small booklet for children and young people** to use. Alternatively you can follow the reflections on line or on social media – see the Church of England website or pages for details.

Worship



We will be continuing with our regular times for worship both in our churches and online.

Perhaps you could make a Lenten commitment to be at a service each week?

We will also have some special services



We will mark the start of Lent with two special services on **Ash Wednesday (Feb 22nd)** – both at **St Mary's**. There will be a service at **Noon** followed by Fellowship Lunch (please bring your own food) and another at 7pm. **The Preacher at 7pm will be Very Revd Nicholas Frayling.**



Stations of the Cross Sun March 5th 4pm and Monday March 20th at 11am at St Mary's

We use the 14 images on the pillars at the Church to reflect on Jesus's journey to the Cross (lasts about 30 mins)



Mothering Sunday March 19th

at the **9.30am St Faith's** and **10am at St Mary's** we will be giving thanks for all who care for us and sharing flowers as a sign of that thanks.



Feast of the Annunciation Sat March 25th –

this is the day we recall the moment when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and invited her to be the mother of Jesus. We will have a **sung service at Noon at St Mary's**



Sunday March 26th is Passion Sunday – as we enter the final fortnight of Lent, and focus our prayers and reflections on the passion and suffering of Jesus on the cross. At St Mary's we will have at **4pm Music and reflections for Passiontide**

Details of our Holy Week services will follow –

join us on **Palm Sunday** as we gather at **St Faith's** at **9.30am** for our procession to **St Mary's**

Reflection and conversation

There will be **3 main opportunities to meet with others and reflect on the themes for each week**

Wednesdays at St Mary's after the Noon Mass (please bring your own lunch) and share in a led conversation on the daily reflections.

Wednesdays at 7pm there will be the **Zoom Lent Book Club** – this year using the Book linked to the course **'Failure' by Emma Ineson**. Please contact Revd Sam for details and Zoom link (starting on 1st March)

Saturdays at 9am (check each week for venue) a **Book Breakfast** (a light breakfast will be provided) which will look at the same book and the reflections. (**Starting on 25th Feb at St Faith's**)

Building up the Common life

Through the coming weeks there are other opportunities to gather together and build up our common life as we journey together

Shrove Tuesday (Feb 21st) at St Mary's



At **6pm** there will be a **short service of welcome** to those who wish to explore their faith with us and prepare for Confirmation. Then there will be **Pancake Races** in the Church ending at about 6.30pm with some **Caribbean Food** – followed by a **Quiz** (at around 7pm). Tickets are available for the food and the quiz.



Saturday Feb 25th

at **10am** there will be a **Young Organists' Recital** at St Mary's

10am Fair Trade Coffee Morning at St Faith's as part of Fair trade fortnight - join us for conversation, coffee, cake etc

Sunday Feb 26th at 6pm Young people and adults
meet with Fr Rajiv at St Mary's

Friday 3rd March 7pm Organ Recital at St Mary's
with a retiring collection for the Music Foundation

Monday March 13th 7.30pm Julian Prayer Group
meets at St Faith's for a time of stillness and prayer

Tuesday 14th 6pm Social Justice Group will also meet at St Faith's
– if you would like to be come involved in our work related to social
justice issues and groups come along – contact Revd Sam for details.

Songs of Home Circles March 14th – 19th at St Mary's
We are hosting another Light Installation at the Church and look
forward to welcoming a number of members from the local community
and beyond. See separate flier for details – **and if you can offer help
with stewarding please contact Matt Dixon.**

Monday March 20th 6pm Monday Men
meets with Fr Rajiv at St Mary's

Tuesday March 21st 7pm The PCC meets at St Mary's

Thursday March 23rd 7.30pm
Royal Marines School of Music Concert at St Mary's

Sunday March 26th 6pm Young people and adults
meet with Fr Rajiv at St Mary's

Saturday April 1st 10am Messy Holy Week at St Mary's –
if you could help us with welcoming young families to the church for a
variety of activities and providing them with a lunch please contact Fr
Rajiv.

If you would like to have a conversation about faith or a visit then
please let one of the Ministry Team know and we will make
arrangements

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