



*The Parish of St Mary, Portsea
With St Faith's and St Wilfrid's
Weekly notes - April 23rd 2023
3rd Sunday of Easter*

Today	4pm Baptism Service at St Mary's
Mon April 24th S George	Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
Tues April 25th S Mark	9.30am Mass at St Faith's and coffee and chat
Weds April 26th Easter Week 3	Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed) 2pm Funeral Service at St Mary's
Thurs April 27th Easter Week 3	10.30am Mass at St Faith's and coffee and chat
Friday April 28th S Peter Chanel	11am Coffee and Chat at St Mary's Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)
Sat April 29th S Catherine of Sienna	10am Just Ask at St Mary's <i>come and enquire about Christenings, Weddings etc or simply 'just ask' something for the clergy</i>
Next Sunday 30th 4 th Sunday of Easter	8am BCP Eucharist at St Mary's 9.30am Mass and Hymns at St Faith's 10am Sung Mass at St Mary's 11.15am Briefing for all May Fayre helpers At St Mary's 2pm May Fayre set up – can you come and help?
Monday May 1st	10am – 4pm Community May Fayre

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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May Fayre The May Fayre (May 1st) is now 1 week away! :

Raffle Tickets Please return tickets unsold, or those sold as soon as possible. Thank you for all who have helped with this

Support us as a volunteer have you let Fr Bob know you intend to help either **next Sunday at 2pm** with setting up and/or on the day. Do not assume he knows you 'always' help ...There will be a briefing for everyone **Next Sunday at St Mary's at 11.15am**

Cakes - Mother Charlotte is leading on the Cake Stall this year. Please can you support the team with cake s- bring along next Sunday. Please can you note if they contain nuts etc...

Publicity – Please take a poster and share news of the event as widely as you can ...if on social media share our posts about the event ...

Doreen Whalley many of you may remember Doreen who was a regular member of St Mary's before COVID. She died last week and her **funeral will be at St Mary's on Thursday May 4th at 1pm**. Come and give thanks for her life, friendship and faith.

Electoral Roll Every Anglican Church has a membership/electoral roll. Anyone in the Parish or regular worshipper at the Church aged over 16 and baptised can be a member. (You can also be a member of 2 rolls). We will review our Roll at the Annual Meeting – **if you are not yet a member please complete the form at the back of Church**

Annual Meetings

Each year each church holds its Annual Meeting. This is a chance to share with the wider congregation our stewardship of the resources we have – buildings, people, finances etc – and to 'elect' representatives to Deanery Synod; Parish Council; and Parish and Deputy Wardens.

This year the meetings will be held

St Faith's Church – after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday May 14th

St Mary's Church – after the 10am Mass on Sunday May 14th

Both meetings will last no more than 30mins and we hope many will join us for them

Then we meet as a Parish for our **Annual Parochial General Meeting**.

This is a chance for us to review the last year as a Parish and to formally elect those nominated by the 2 Church meetings. We also have a Fish and Chip Supper together as part of the meeting.

This year the Annual Meeting for the Parish will be

Monday May 15th at 7pm at St Mary's
(please book Fish and Chips in advance £4 a ticket)

At the Meeting this year we will consider and be asked to approve the proposals from the PCC regarding the reshaping of our PCC membership etc. With the closure of St Wilfrid's there is a need to revise our PCC membership and how people are elected. In addition to this we need to acknowledge the impact of COVID on our patterns and life styles.

It is noticeable that our sub groups and committees have not functioned fully or met for the last couple of years. St Faith's pre-COVID had already moved to a more informal open congregation meeting to replace its DCC. The merging of accounts (begun pre COVID) has worked well and during Lockdown etc lead to most information being easier to analyse at a Parish level than at individual Church level. There is a sense of a common fund for which we are all responsible. The consequence of this is that the work of the Finance Group has been carried out by key individuals accountable to the Standing Committee. The same could be said of our Buildings and HR Groups. Social Justice operates through an informal networking convened by Revd Sam. Safeguarding is a regular conversation between our Parish Safeguarding Officers (Jenny and Mandy) and Fr Bob, and when necessary the wider Ministry Team. Youth and children's work is overseen by Mthr Charlotte and Fr Rajiv, and when necessary the wider team, working with members of the churches.

On the whole this way of working seems to be going reasonably well, and we need to ensure that our governance structure (to which all of these are accountable) is also fit for purpose and our current context.

The Church Representation Rules (our legal national governance) states that the PCC membership consists of all licensed clergy and Readers; General, Diocesan and Deanery Synod lay members from the Parish; and a min of 12 lay members (based on size of Electoral Roll).

The same rules state the minimum membership of the Standing Committee is the Minister, the 2 Churchwardens and at least 2 lay people,

Our current model has evolved and grown over the years and exceeds the legal requirements. At present the situation at our APCM membership this year will be

Clergy Fr Bob White; Revd Sam Cullen; Fr Rajiv Sidhu; Revd Sue Whitelock; Revd Kate Marlow

Licensed Readers Mandy Hollingsworth; Fi Rosen

Deanery Synod 5 to be elected

Parish Wardens 1 Vacancy (Eugene comes to the end of his term of office) and Irene James (till 2027)

Deputy Wardens

1 Vacancy at St Mary's (Jason end of office) Jackie Fisher (till 2026)

1 Vacancy at St Faith's (Lorraine end of office) Graham Bassett (till 2026)

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Elected till 2025 :

Tunde Williams; Shelly Leggat; *In attendance Lucy Chappell*; Paul Morgan; Sandra Harris; Chris Lavis

Elected till 2024 : Marie Lambert; Stuart Butler; Roger Gibbs; David Hambrook ; Jenny Stemp ; Bev Nicholson; Sue Simms

Current members who may be re-elected

Shirley Rudder; Debbie Oliver; Alison Barnicott; Cis Delmege

This would give us 16 lay members (but that does not include the Deanery Synod membership)

The PCC are proposing

- Reducing the number of Deputy Wardens to one per Church
- Having 16 elected lay members (but look at further reduction perhaps over coming years)
- That at least 5 members of the PCC must be from St Faith's worshipping Community (lay and clergy)
- Reconstituting the Standing Committee to be Vicar; Assoc Vicar; Parish Treasurer; A Parish Safeguarding Officer; Parish and Deputy Wardens; PCC Secretary and to co-opt/appoint Individuals to lead on HR; Buildings; Social Justice; Children and Youth if these are not 'held' by a member of the Committee
- PCC to meet 4 times a year (not including APCM) and Standing Committee to meet at least 4 times, but as required,

Future Dates

Thursday May 4th **St Mary's Vestry Hall and St Faith's will be in use as Polling Stations**

Friday May 5th **7pm Organ recital** at St Mary's

Saturday May 6th Join us at St Mary's for a **live streaming of the Coronation** on the large screen.

Sunday May 7th **Noon Big Coronation Lunch** in the churchyard in partnership with Fratton Big Local – *bring your own food and have a picnic with entertainment and live music*

3pm Service of thanksgiving for the Coronation of King Charles III at St Mary's
5.30pm Young People's Group at St Mary's
Contact Fr Rajiv for details