

The Parish of St Mary, Portsea



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Become a Friend of St Mary's

We would like to invite you to become a member of the 'Friends of St Mary's.' The Friends support the young people of the Parish, those exploring their faith, our baptism and confirmation candidates, those getting married and ensure that the events in the life of the parish are promoted, displayed and recorded as part of our witness to those who come into our churches.

Over the years The Friends has supported the two churches in the Parish to carry out its rich and diverse ministry and mission in many ways including:

- ***Welcome in our Churches:** The Friends have funded the informative notice-boards outside the church and paid for the development of the colourful photos that have been a magnet for visitors and our congregation over the years, as well as being a wonderful visual record of the wide-ranging Parish events.
- ***Baptism and Confirmation candidates and those married within the Parish** - providing gifts such as Gospel books, Baptism Certificates leaflets and Godparents cards.
- ***St Mary's Church Choir** - The Friends continue to support our talented choir at St Mary's including the purchase of music, workbooks and storage boxes.
- ***Young people of the Parish** - supporting our Young Churches and welcoming our children and young people through the continued development of the children's corners in both churches.
- ***Other worthy projects** that support the maintenance and development of St Mary's ministry and mission.

We would like to invite you to become become a member through a suggested donation of **£10 a year per person**, or as much as you can manage according to your means. Cash or cheques made payable to 'The Friends of St Mary's' can be accepted or do contact us if you would prefer to pay by BACS. Please complete the reply slip attached and return with your donation. As a member of The Friends you would be most welcome to attend our **Annual General Meeting on Sunday 26th November 2023 at 11.15am at St Mary's Church**, after the service.

Yours sincerely,

Irene James

Chair of The Friends of St Mary's

Paul & Ruth Morgan

Treasurer & Secretary of The Friends of St Mary's

Reply Slip – New Friend of St Mary’s, Portsea

Please return by hand to any member of the Clergy Team, Irene James, Paul or Ruth Morgan.
Or Post to: The Friends of St Mary’s, St Mary’s Vicarage, Fratton Road, Portsmouth, PO1 5PA
Or email to: *officeassistant@portseaparish.co.uk* or *friendsofstmarysportsea@gmail.com*

Name: _____ Date: _____

Membership is £10 per person (or as much as you can manage according to your means).

I/We are members and enclose £_____ (cash / cheque*)

I would like to pay by BACS. Please contact me.

I am a tax-payer and wish to 'gift aid' my donation (please complete your address details below).

Additional donations are gratefully received.

**NB Cheques should be made payable to 'The Friends of St Mary's' Thank you.*

I would like to take out an annual subscription to the Parish Magazine - *details will be sent to you*

I will be at the AGM on Sunday 26th November 2023

I wish to send my apologies for the AGM

I wish to have my name removed from the list of members of 'The Friends of St Mary's'

If you would like 'The Friends of St Mary's' to keep in touch please enter your preferred method/s of contact below. *Please note that your contact details will NOT be shared with ANY third parties.*

I give consent to be contacted by email __ (Please ✓)

Email address:

I give consent to be contacted by post __ (Please ✓)

Address:

_____ Postcode _____

Phone Number (in case of any queries) _____