

**St Mary's Community May Fayre
Fratton Road, Portsmouth**

Monday May 6th 10am – 4pm



Once again the Fratton community is preparing to gather and celebrate the life of the local area. St Mary's Church will be hosting the annual community May Fayre – which it has done for over 30 years – and is one of the highlights of the year. Thousands of people will gather to renew old friendships (for some it is the annual chance to meet) and to make new ones.

There will be the usual mix of music and performances in the arena including Victory Morris Men and in the Church a chance to join in hymn singing with the Church Choir, an opportunity to hear the restored Walker Organ and to enjoy the Cantrelle Singers. Also in the Church will be a chance to learn more about the Church bells and bellringing and to meet local community groups and discover what they do. Amongst them will be the newly formed 'Fratton Together' (which has evolved from Fratton Big Local) and a chance to hear about the Pantry that will be opened soon in the Bridge Centre and how people can be involved.

In the Churchyard the Beer Tent is often the focal point with a constant buzz of conversation and laughter. There are also funfair rides, unicorn rides, food stalls, and a wide range of local charities and businesses.

Fr Bob White, Vicar of St Mry's and Chair of Fratton Together says

“The May Fayre is always an amazing event – to enable it to happen there are many volunteers (100 of them from the Church) and a bringing together of the diversity of Fratton life. It has the feel of a village fair but is set in the heart of the inner city. St Mary’s is grateful for all who give of their time to support us and look forward to welcoming everyone to our beautiful church”

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