



The Parish of St Mary, Portsea with St Faith's

Notices for 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**Today** 11.30am Exploring Faith Group at St Mary's  
4pm Baptism Service at St Mary's

**Monday Sept 29<sup>th</sup>** **NO Noon Mass** at St Mary's : Clergy Study Day  
*Ss Michael & All Angels*

**Tuesday Sept 30<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am Mass at St Faith's followed by refreshments  
*S Jerome*

**Wednesday Oct 1<sup>st</sup>** Noon Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)  
*S Therese of Lisieux*

**Thursday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>** 10.30am Mass at St Faith's  
*Holy Guardian Angels* followed by refreshments

**Friday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>** 10am Mass at St Mary's (live streamed)  
*Feria Week 26* 10.30am by Coffee and Chat

**Saturday Oct 4<sup>th</sup>** 10am Just Ask at St Mary's *come and*  
*S Francis* *enquire about Christenings, Weddings etc or simply*  
*'just ask' something of the clergy.*  
10am Messy Harvest at St Mary's

**Sunday Oct 5<sup>th</sup>** 8am BCP Eucharist at St Mary's  
*14<sup>th</sup> after Trinity* 10am Harvest Eucharist at St Faith's  
10am Sung Mass Harvest Thanksgiving  
at St Mary's (live streamed)  
11.30am Exploring Faith Group at St Mary's  
3.30pm Barn Dance & Harvest Supper  
at St Mary's

*Please note we often take photographs at our services and events that may*

*appear on social media – please let us know if this causes you any problems.*

*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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**Revd Sarah Chapman** It was a great shock and sadness to her of Sarah's death during the week, she will be a greatly missed colleague and priest, who has touched all our lives with her wisdom, love and humour. There will be a **service of Thanksgiving at St Luke's on Tues Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.** We will also hold an evening Requiem at St Mary's -possibly on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. Please pray that she may rest in peace, and also for her husband Giles and all who mourn,

**Harvest Celebrations** will be **next weekend**

Starting with a **Messy Harvest** on the Saturday.

This will be **10am – Noon**. If you can help, then please let Fr Bob know. Please take leaflets for friends and neighbours with children.

**Harvest Services** will be at **10am in both Churches on Sunday** – please bring food to share or financial donations to Kitchen of Hope.

**Then we gather as a Parish for our Harvest Supper**  
This will be at **St Mary's at 3.30pm** It will begin with a **Barn Dance with a live band** and then end with a **Supper at 5.30pm. Tickets are now available at £7 an adult; £4 a child.** Please encourage family and friends to join us for what should be a fun afternoon. If you wish to bring food to share, please let us know,  
Our celebrations end with **St Faith's Patronal on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** at St Faith's Church

**Parish Quiet Day Saturday Oct 11th.** This will be at **St Peter's on Hayling Island** and will be led by **Revd Jenn Camarind**. If you wish to attend, please contact Revd Wendy May

**Autumn Fair** this year which will be on **Sat Nov 1<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you to those who came to the meeting last week. We have some suggested stalls – details next week, can you donate some **Jam Jars** asap so Joy can make some preserves. Also start gathering items to donate for us to sell or use ...

**Panto Players** oh yes there will be a first gathering of interested people on **Sunday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm** ... Come along and see what you can do to join us for next year's panto!

### With Thankful hearts



PORTSMOUTH'S  
Citywide Harvest

As you may remember over the last 3 years, we have joined with others in our Deanery in encouraging our Churches, Ecumenical Partners and other groups in our communities to join together in raising an awareness of the Harvest Season and the increasing food poverty in our society.

The pressure on Food banks, Larders and Pantries and others who distribute food to those struggling financially continues to increase. It continues to be a challenge to those groups to ensure a supply of food, as well as volunteers and funding. In this Creation season – up to 5<sup>th</sup> October there are many ways we encourage our congregations and communities to respond to God's generosity to us.

This can be done in all sorts of ways, but we hope you might like to donate **food to support the Robert's Centre** at our Harvest Celebrations

Or you may want to give some time as a **volunteer to help at the Fratton Pantry** – please let Fr Bob know if you could do this

In addition this year we are encouraging people to also perhaps make a **financial donation** to support **the Kitchen of Hope** based at St Simon's. You may have been aware of all the protests and tensions in our city around Asylum Seekers who are living in the city. It is important that we seek to do what we can to support those who are targeted as people, rather than an object of fear.

There have been discussions with the City of Sanctuary organisation about how best we may do this. Revd Jackie Twine describes the Kitchen of Hope

*Kitchen of Hope is a project that has been running at St Simon's Church, Southsea for over 18 months. The project helps asylum seekers and volunteers to prepare and cook food together from around the world. We share the meal with anyone who wants to join us in the spirit of fellowship and unity. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn more about each other's cultures and customs around a table of friends. Many asylum seekers (at the hotel especially), have limited access to cooking the food they love for themselves and enjoy this opportunity to cook and eat together. We feel it's a 'holy habit' and mirrors Christ's own tradition of sharing food with all sorts of people in the spirit of inclusivity without discrimination*

### Our response to God's Generosity

As the days turn colder, the Autumn leaves begin to fall, and the evenings get darker our thoughts turn to Harvest

This year we are joining with parishes across the country in reflecting on **God's Generosity and our response.**

**As we prepare for our own Harvest, last week we invited you to think about God's generosity. This week please think about how you may respond.**

There is a long history and tradition within the Jewish and Christian faith of offering to God some of the gifts he has shared with us. This took many forms but included offering gifts in various forms in thanks for life itself, there has also been a long tradition of that offering being used to support

our common life of faith and worship, and to meet the needs of those in need, including the stranger or outcast.

**Next Sunday is our chance to continue that offering to God in thanksgiving for the Harvest and all he has given us, even life itself.**

If you created **a list of the generosity of God**, then think about **what you will offer to Him at our Harvest.**

It could be **gifts of food for others** to share – please think about what you would like to receive if you were struggling with life and finances and donate those things

It could be a **financial donation to support the work of Kitchen of Hope** in our city – please place in a clearly marked envelope (or if paying by BACS mark as ‘Harvest’)

It could be by making **a commitment regularly give to the Church** to support all that we are and do. This can be done in a variety of ways – and there will be a form next week where you can identify what you would like to do.

It could be by offering **your time as a volunteer** to help us in our worship, or in our various projects and activities Again next week’s form will enable you to make that commitment,

**Use this week to think and pray about what your Harvest Response is this year!**