

# WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



## THIS SUNDAY: 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Trinity 2

**10am Holy Communion** *Rev Dave Richards*

*Bible Theme: Part 3 of a 4 Part Series – Generous Giving*

*Readings: Deuteronomy 14:22-29 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 Mark 12:41-44*

***Followed by Coffee & Cake in the Church Room***

Gluten Free – please talk to the Welcomer if you'd like a gluten-free Communion Wafer. We also have gluten-free refreshments afterwards

**3:30pm St. Mark's CONCERT:** A varied programme of light music lasting an hour, followed by refreshments. FREE entry, retiring collection in aid of Allsort'd Café at the Focus Centre and St Mark's Church Funds.

## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

- **CHURCH & GARDEN OPEN** 10am - 4pm Monday - Saturday
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup>: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall with Citizens' Advice, Digital Dorset and the Community Pantry
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup>: **St Mark's Choir Rehearsal** 6:15pm - 7pm Church Room
- Tue 16<sup>th</sup>: **Junior Singing Club** 3:30pm - 4:20pm in Church
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup>: **Prayer & Share** 10am - 10:45am in the Church Room
- Sat 20<sup>th</sup>: **Swanage Town Band Concert** 2:30pm at Bandstand (3pm at Methodist Church if wet). Free with Charity Collection
- Sat 20<sup>th</sup>: **Castle Voices presents The Swanage Big Sing** 7:30pm at The Mowlem. Tickets £13 from the Mowlem Box Office

## NEXT SUNDAY: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026 – Trinity 3

**10am Holy Communion** *Rev Dave Richards*

*Bible Theme: Part 4 of a 4 Part Series – Generous Service*

*Readings: Deuteronomy 24:10-22 1 Peter 4:7-11 Mark 10:35-45*

***Followed by Coffee & Cake in the Church Room***

**Church Committee Meeting:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm

**Next Celebration Service:** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 10am

**St George's School and St Mark's School:** A letter went to all parents at St George's School in Langton and St Mark's School last week explaining that numbers at both schools are very low and giving information about a Consultation on merging the 2 schools. The Multi-Academy Trust which runs both schools (Coastal Learning Partnership) has a preferred option of merging the 2 schools on the St Mark's site, with a new school called St George's & St Mark's from September 2027. Other options are to merge the 2 schools on St George's site or have Infants on 1 site and Juniors on the other. Anyone can respond to the Consultation which runs from 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 10<sup>th</sup> July. Further details at: <https://www.stmarksswanage.dorset.sch.uk/public-consultation/>

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**COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity:** Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

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➤ **PLEASE let Dave (07779079844) know of anyone who is unwell, in hospital or housebound who would like a visit.**

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*Disciples of Christ, sharing the compassionate and caring love of God with the School and Community of which we are a part.*

# TEAM NOTES

**St Mark's Afternoon Concert:** TODAY 14<sup>th</sup> June at 3:30pm. An hour of light music followed by refreshments. FREE entry, retiring collection in aid of Allsort'd Café at the Focus Centre and St Mark's Church Funds.

**'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong** TODAY Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Leading this month is Simon Lole, Director of Music here at St Mary's. *Come and Sing* event is open to all singers. Arrival at St Mary's is for a 4.00pm rehearsal start. Cups of tea are provided between the rehearsal end and the service start at 6.30pm. All Welcome. Music provided. Just come and sing!

**Congratulations to David Fawcett** who is to receive the honorary award of Associate of the Royal School of Church Music. He will be presented with this prestigious award in Salisbury Cathedral at Evensong on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September.



**All Things Bright and Beautiful** takes place in St Mary's Church each Tuesday from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. A short service, which includes well known hymns, is followed by tea and cake. All are welcome..

**T-Pot is held** every Wednesday from 10.00am to 12.30pm in the Rectory Classroom. Come along for a cuppa and a chat.

**Friday Fun Club** – meets on Friday evenings 6.30-8pm, during term time, in the Rectory Classroom for school years 4-9 to enjoy food, games and chat. If you would like to join or need more information please contact Trish Clark at [jandtclark@hotmail.com](mailto:jandtclark@hotmail.com) or Tel: 01929 425427.

**Studland's Community Coffee Morning** - Thursdays at 10am in Studland Church Hall, for great coffee and yummy biscuits and cake. . We'd be delighted if you could join us.

## Dates for your Diary:

**Dorset County Orchestra Summer Concert** – St Mary's Church, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm. With music from Mendelssohn and Glazunov. Tickets in advance £15 or on the door £17. Please see posters for more details (on display soon).

**On Saturday 4 July**, St Mary's will host a **Royal School of Church Music Singing Day for Children and Young People**. Simon Lole will lead the day, which will get children exploring new music and enjoying singing challenges, together with outside activities and ice cream! The day runs from 10.30am to 4pm, and children in School Years 3 to 11 in Purbeck schools can obtain a FREE booking (usually £5) by parents emailing David Fawcett at [david.fawcett@rocketmail.com](mailto:david.fawcett@rocketmail.com). Do spread the word! Also contact David if you are able to help in any way with administration or supervision on the day.

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## Funerals this week::

<b>Marlene Willmott</b>	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> June	1.00pm	Poole Crematorium
<b>Brian Stockley</b>	Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> June	12.00pm	St Mark's

# REFLECTION

**Deuteronomy 14:22-29 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 Mark 12:41-44**

Our Generous God Generous People theme this week is **Generous Giving**. Our Gospel reading sums up generosity in giving – it's about giving of ourselves, not just about giving from our bank accounts. The rich people, Jesus tells us, give large gifts, which represent a fraction of their wealth. The poor widow, on the other hand, gives a tiny amount, but it is all she has to live on. Note that she had 2 coins, and gave both, not just one! She has given all she has to God. A gift of her very self, not just her bank account.

**The expectation for Christians** is that our relationship with God is such that we commit our whole lives to Jesus, and that we seek his guidance on all things, including our finances. St Paul simply tells the Corinthian Christians to: "Set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income". He trusts that they will do the right thing, that needs will be met, and that God will be glorified in their offering. He does not expect it to be a problem, and does not expect it to distract him from the work of mission.

**The Old Testament standard for giving**, as in Deuteronomy 14, was the Tithe – 10% of your income or produce. We know that Jesus has fulfilled the Old Testament Law, and that we are liberated to live by faith, not by law. Giving a tithe is not a prescription for Christians - we are expected to do far more than work out percentages! Christians are called to ponder and pray about our giving, to work out what God is calling us to give, in response to his love for us. Ultimately, our giving comes from our commitment to give, "our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice". We say these words every week; maybe they will have an extra dimension this week?

*Revd Dave Richards*

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## **Team Contact details**

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