

# WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



## THIS SUNDAY: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 – Trinity Sunday

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

*Bible Theme: Start of a 4 Part Series – Generous God*

*Readings: 1 Chronicles 29:10-20 Romans 5:1-11 Matthew 20:1-16*

***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*

## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

- **CHURCH & GARDEN OPEN** 10am - 4pm Monday - Saturday
- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall with Citizens' Advice, Digital Dorset, and the Community Pantry
- Mon 1<sup>st</sup>: **St Mark's Choir Rehearsal** 6:15pm - 7pm Church Room
- Tue 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Junior Singing Club** 3:30pm - 4:20pm in the Church, for children in School Years 3 and over
- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Prayer & Share** 10am - 10:45am in the Church Room
- Sat 6<sup>th</sup>: **Men's Breakfast**: 8:15am-10am at McAllisters in Institute Road. Further details from John Way
- Sat 6<sup>th</sup>: **Swanage Town Band Concert**: 2:30pm at the Bandstand  
Free concert with a retiring collection

## NEXT SUNDAY: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Trinity 1

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

*Bible Theme: Part 2 of a 4 Part Series – Generous People*

*Readings: Proverbs 11:24-31 1 Timothy 6:6-10 Matthew 6:19-34*

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

**6pm Invitation to Worship@6 at EBC**

## Please collect your copy of June's Church Alive! magazine

**Christian Aid Fundraiser - 17.05.26:** I would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated at our refreshments, for Christian Aid, last Sunday: We raised an incredible **£306.60, plus Gift Aid of £48.00**, totaling an amazing **£354.60**. Thank you very much. Anne Roper.

**DON'T MISS - St Mark's Afternoon Concert:** **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 3:30pm.** A varied programme of light music lasting about 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.

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**COLLECT (Special Prayer) for Trinity Sunday:** Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

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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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### **Donations for the work of St Mark's are always welcome:**

There's a plate for cash donations on top of the font and a QR code on a poster on the wall near the font. If you've got the QR App on your mobile phone, you can click on the code, and it goes straight to the donations page. Thank you to everyone for your donations, however they're given.

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

# TEAM NOTES

Today we welcome the **Choir of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Phoenix, Arizona** to St Mary's Church. Welcome to you all! Members will be with us for the 10.30am Choral Eucharist and the choir will be joining St Mary's Choir to sing Choral Evensong this evening, which will be a very special service and include music composed by our own Simon, David and All Saints' Choir Director Tom Peterson.

**Generous God Generous People** - Today, Trinity Sunday, we will be starting a series across the Team exploring God's heart of generosity and the implications for us, his people. There will be booklets available at the back of church for those who wish to study further alongside the sermon series.



**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.



**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:

**Fabulous Free Family Fun Day** – All Saints Church, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 4-8pm. Free activities for all ages with free tea, cake and hotdogs.

**St Mark's Afternoon Concert:** Sunday 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.

**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. Do spread the word! Also contact David if you are able to help in any way with administration or supervision on the day.

# REFLECTION

This Sunday, Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the Christian doctrine of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—three persons in one substance, an eternal community of love. The Trinity defies definition. When struggling with the Trinity, the early church theologians, the Church Fathers, used word “perichoresis”, or mutual indwelling or interpenetration to refer to the manner in which the three persons of the trinity relate to one another. The individuality of each of the persons is maintained whilst each shares in the life of the other two.

Ultimately, the Trinity is a mystery. By mystery I do not mean a riddle, or something that might be solved by a super sleuth in a detective novel, but rather mystery in the original sense of the word. The trinity is a mystery because the Trinity is a reality above our human comprehension. We will never understand it, but we live with the reality of the Trinity. It is a reality that we experience through scripture, worship, symbol and living out our faith. The theologian Cornelius Plantinga speaks of the Trinity as ‘a zestful, wondrous community of divine light, love, joy, mutuality and verve.’

Over the next four Sundays, in a series entitled ‘Generous God, Generous People’, we will be exploring God’s generosity to us – his grace and abundant provision for us and our call to be generous stewards of all that he has given us. We will be looking at being generous in our interactions with others, with our gifts, skills, time and with our finances. Jesus came that we might ‘have life and have it abundantly.’ (John 10:10b). God has indeed abundantly blessed us with all we have and gathered us together into his family of the church. We are called to share these riches with others and share the hope and peace that can only be found in Jesus Christ. I hope this series is an inspiration and encouragement to you!

Every blessing  
Ian  
Rector

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