

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's Sunday 10th May 2026 Easter 6



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	<i>Revd Natalie Davies</i>
10.30am	CHORAL EUCHARIST	<i>Revd Natalie Davies</i>
6.30pm	COME & SING EVENSONG	<i>Revd Jo Levasier</i>

10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional:	180
Gradual:	238
Offertory:	106 (t.185)
Communion:	264
Post Communion:	131
Psalm:	66 v.7-end

Setting: *Archer/Sumsion* Mass

Motet: As Water to the Thirsty
Coleman

Eucharistic Prayer: pg.

Voluntary: Fugue in G Minor
J S Bach

6.30pm Come & Sing

Evensong

Introit: The Wings of the
Morning *Jackman*

Responses: *Smith*

Psalm: 87

Office Hymn: 157 (i)

Canticles: *Wood* in E Flat (2)

Anthem: O Lord, the Makere
Joubert

Hymns: 162, 163

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-end
John 14:15-21

Readings for 6.30pm

Zechariah 8:1-13
Revelation 21:22-22:5

Churchwarden

Avril Harris
Cliff Sutton

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of
darkness and brought us into the kingdom
of your Son:
grant that, as by his death he has recalled
us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may
raise us to eternal joy;
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.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of
eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now
and for ever.

Coming to the 10.30am Sunday service at St Mary's

If you find the chancel steps difficult, please ask a Welcomer to arrange communion at your seat. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let a Welcomer know. Everyone is welcome for refreshments after the service.

St Mary's Pastoral Team We have a small team of pastoral visitors at St Mary's. If you or someone you know would like a visit, please contact Rector Ian on 01929 422916.

Donations – All donations by whatever payment method are gratefully received. We have a contactless 'donation station' near the West (main) Door with the facility for Gift Aid or you can use the QR Code.



ST MARY'S DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Daily (Mon– Sat)	8.00am	Morning Prayer – All Welcome
Tues 12 th	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 13 th	10.00am 11.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom Holy Communion in the chapel
Thurs 14 th	7.30pm	Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day
Fri 15 th	12.00pm 5.30/6.30pm	Funeral: Patricia Norman Children/Adults Choir practice
Sat 16 th	12.30-4.30pm 7.30pm	Set up and rehearsal for evening concert Belvedere Singers Spring Concert
Sun 17 th	1.00pm	Baptism: Madison Wells

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 17th May – ~Sunday after Ascension

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	<i>Revd Ian Bird</i>
10.30am	CHORAL EUCHARIST (followed by Sunday School for children in St Mary's Rooms)	<i>Canon Jeremy Oakes</i>
6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG	<i>Revd Ian Bird</i>

TEAM NOTICES

'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong today, 10th May at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month is Jeremy Jackman, Conductor and ex-King's Singer. *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!

Christian Aid Week 10th - 16th May. There will be a coffee morning and cake sale (in the Rectory Classroom) on 16th May between 10 - 12 noon. This is supported by churches in Swanage so we do hope you will find time to come and meet people. On 10th May at 10:30 there will be a service at the Methodist Church highlighting the work of Christian Aid.

Ascension Day services will be held on Thursday 14th May at St Nicholas, Studland, 6.30am, followed by breakfast in the Church Hall and at St Mary's. 7.30pm.

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.

Date for your diary 17th May at 6.30pm, St Nicholas Church, Studland. A special service From Soil to Sky, a Celtic Service of Worship. Everyone is welcome!



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 Things Bright and Beautiful is particularly suitable for carers and those for whom they care and is dementia friendly. Is there someone who you could bring along or encourage to come? 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 or Tel: 01929 425427

Sunday School (every 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month). All children in school years 4-9 are welcome to join us for our Sunday School following the service this morning in St Mary's Rooms, finishing at 12.30pm. Come for snacks and fun activities!

Funerals in our churches this week:

Patricia Norman

Fri 15th May

12.00pm

St Mary's

REFLECTION

Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-end John 14:15-21

John's 'farewell discourse' contains Jesus's teaching about 'another *paraclete*'. This *paraclete* (?comforter/legal advocate/advisor) is mysterious: he *will be sent*, but already *dwells within you*; is distinct from Jesus, and yet seems to be the fulfilment of Jesus's promise 'I will come to you'. In that day, says Jesus, *you will know* that there is an intimate union between Father, Son and those who love the Son. -They (and you) live in love – and life and love are one and the same thing.

Paul speaks confidently about this to the Athenians because this promise was known to him and every Jew who read the prophecies of Isaiah and Ezekiel. It was the hope not just of a reconstructed Temple but of a society where God's loving laws would be as universal and natural as breathing.

Karl Rahner often commented about the future of Christian faith: 'The Christian of the future will be a mystic or he (*sic*) will not exist at all.' Don't confuse 'mystic' with 'misty'. Rahner – and the Bible – couldn't be more precise. We seek a direct, personal experience of God rather than religiosity. Religion's value is only as great as its ability to hold open a space for the Spirit to dwell within us. The *shekinah*/presence of God which was purged from the Temple will return, and this time, she will flood the earth, filling all people with the interior knowledge and love of God. This is contrasted by Ezekiel with a Torah set literally and metaphorically in stone (*Ezekiel 37*). Rahner also talked about 'anonymous Christians' – those whose lives embody God's life whatever their religious affiliation.

Dionysius and Damaris are venerated as saints in the East, and Dionysius is beginning to be savoured again in the West – this Dionysius or, as many argue, a later writer known as 'Pseudo-Dionysius'. His writings reveal ways in which we experience God beyond words and concepts (*apophatic* theology). They inspired a mystical tradition of spirituality that included the 14th-century English author of *The Cloud of Unknowing*.

Look out! Ascension and Pentecost articulate for us the sometimes paradoxical, wordless experience of faith – presence and absence. Knowing and unknowing. Stories and explanations, but also the hidden power of the Gospels' mystery. Ascension and Pentecost assure us that, although we live, move and have our being in a material world, our capacity for life and love is God living within us. Look within!

Revd Terence Handley MacMath

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