

# SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

## St. Mary's

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### BAPTISM OF CHRIST



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	Revd Ian Bird
10.30am	CHORAL EUCHARIST	Revd Ian Bird
6.30pm	COME & SING EVENSONG	Revd Natalie Davies

#### 10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional:	147
Gradual:	27
Offertory:	142 (omit *)
Communion:	261
Post Communion:	121
Psalm:	29
Setting:	<i>Sumsion/Rawsthorne</i>
Motet:	Sing Aloud! <i>Hoist</i>
Voluntary:	Carillon <i>Murrill</i>

#### 6.30pm Come & Sing Evensong

The Journey	<i>Lole</i>
Responses:	<i>Ayleward</i>
Psalm:	46
Office Hymn:	134
Canticles:	<i>Walmsley</i> in D Minor
Anthem:	Bethlehem Down <i>Warlock</i>
Hymns:	49, 53
Voluntary:	Postlude in C <i>Smart</i>

#### Readings for 8am and 10.30am

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-end

#### Readings for 6.30pm

Joshua 3:1-8 and 14-end  
Hebrews 1:1-12

#### Churchwardens

Avril Harris  
Ray Davis

#### Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

## Collect

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water  
and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling  
as your adopted children;  
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

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens  
and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 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
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom
	11.00am	Holy Communion in the chapel
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	5.30/6.30pm	Children/Adults Choir practice
	6.30pm	Friday Fun Club in the Rectory Classroom

## SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> January - Epiphany 2 – United Service

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	Revd Natalie Davies
10.30am	UNITED SERVICE AT EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH	
6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG	Revd Ian Bird

# TEAM NOTICES

**'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong** TODAY, Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month is Dr Barry Rose OBE, formerly Guildford, St Paul's and St Albans Cathedrals. *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!

**Candle Wax for Ukraine** - Ukraine still needs our support. Candle wax is being collected from local churches and communities to create cooking candles ("trench candles") and candles for villages without electricity. Please donate candles ends, candle wax, and unwanted candles in the box in St Mary's Church porch, from where it will be taken to a Ukraine support group.

**Advance Notice Lent Groups:** Lent 2026 begins on 18th February and in conjunction with churches across Swanage, we will be running Lent Groups looking at Prayer. More information and sign up sheets available soon.

**The Bible.** The Most Important Book in the world! And we can help get it into the hands of people here and abroad with Bake or Bring a Cake for Bibles at United Service at EBC Sunday 18th January at 10:30am. This is the annual Bible Society Fundraiser which will help provide Bibles to many who need hope, faith and love through the Word of God. Kindly bring any donations/cakes along to the service that morning. For any more information please contact Liz Fielder at St. Mary's at 07384741716. Thank you.

**T-Pot** is held every Wednesday from 10.00am to 12.30pm in the Rectory Classroom. So if you are on your own or new to the area and would like to meet others, come along for a cuppa and a chat.



**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. The service is particularly suitable for carers and those for whom they care and is dementia friendly. All are welcome.

**Friday Fun Club** – returns on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January and meets on Friday evenings 6.30-8pm, during term time, in the Rectory Classroom for 10-13 yr olds 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.

**Sunday School** (every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

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*Funerals in our churches this week:*

**Roy Church**

Fri 16 Jan

12.00 noon

All Saints

# REFLECTION

## PLOUGH SUNDAY...and MONDAY?

Apart from being the *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany*, today is also known by some as ***Plough Sunday***: maybe not such a portentous '**Red Letter Day**' as such (and especially so to 'townies' like me) but a traditional celebration nevertheless of the beginning of the agricultural year...set to be observed (since medieval times) on the day *before* the first Monday after the *12 Days of Christmas* have been completed...when prayers would be offered...and farmers would return to their ploughs...and the preparations for seedtime and harvest would begin the following day on ***Plough Monday***.

The good old "CofE" has published an updated prayer for *Plough Sunday*...and – with only a little bit of transposition and imagination – I think it is rather appropriate for us all coming out of Christmas...and into a New Year of possibility...when we too might want to think about sewing a few seeds: ***The Blessing of the Plough***.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
for in your abundant care  
you have given us fertile land,  
rich soil, the seasons in their courses.  
You provide seed for sowing, water, light and warmth  
to bring forth the miracle of growth.  
You give us skill to work the land,  
to prepare and nourish it, that it may be fruitful.  
By your blessing,  
let this plough be a sign of all that you promise to us.  
Prosper the work of our hands,  
and provide abundant crops for your people to share.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever. Amen.**

Canon Jeremy Oakes

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### Team Contact details

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