

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's Sunday 13th September 2026 Trinity 15



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	<i>Revd John Cooper</i>
10.30am	FOLK FESTIVAL SERVICE	<i>Revd Ian Bird</i>
6.30pm	COME & SING EVENSONG	<i>Revd Jo Levasier</i>

10.30am – Folk Festival Service

Separate Order of Service Booklet

Anthem: Spirit of the Living God
Leddington Wright

6.30pm Come & Sing Evensong

Locuste Iste *Bruckner*
Responses: *Ayleward*
Psalm: 119 v.41-48
Office Hymn: 217
Canticles: Collegium Regale
Howells
Anthem: Evening Hymn
Gardiner
Hymns: 251, 16

Readings for 8am

Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

10.30am Service Booklet

Readings for 6.30pm

Ezekiel 20:1-8, 33-44
Acts 20:17-end

Churchwardens

Avril Harris
Cliff Sutton

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your
truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church
with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty
cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things
hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our
salvation;
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
Tues 15 th	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 16 th	10.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom
	11.00am	Holy Communion in the chapel
	2.15pm	Visiting Bellringers
Thurs 17 th	2.30pm	Funeral: Elliot Mead
Fri 18 th	5.30/6.30pm	Children/Adults Choir practice
Sat 19 th	2.00pm	Wedding: Stuart Macaulay & Amy Tideswell

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 20th September – Trinity 16

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	<i>Revd Dave Richards</i>
10.30am	CHORAL EUCHARIST	<i>Canon Jeremy Oakes</i>
6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG	<i>Revd Dave Richards</i>

TEAM NOTICES

Swanage Folk Festival Service at 10.30am today. A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong - TODAY, 13th September at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month is Dr David Hill, Music Director, the Bach Choir. *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!

St Mary's Choir are going to **Salisbury Cathedral** on **Saturday 19th September** to sing evensong with the cathedral choir. We have 10 spare seats on the coach. If anyone would like to come along on that day, please get in touch with Simon Lole. The cost is £13 per head.

Reading Scripture Together – A course exploring the ancient and rich spiritual practice of *lectio divina*. To be held in St Mary's Rooms on Thursday evenings from 1st October – 19th November at 5pm for 5.15pm – 6.30pm. *Please see leaflets in church for more details or speak to Revd Terence Handley MacMath*. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of St Mary's church for anyone interested in attending.

Refreshments – Can anyone help with refreshments at the 10.30 services? Judith is away later this month and the rota is currently blank, so we may have no refreshments. If you're able to help, please let the church wardens know.

Confirmation - We have a couple of members of the congregation taking part in confirmation preparation. If anyone else is interested in being confirmed, please speak to Ian or one of the church wardens.

Advance Diary Date:

Jonathan Viera – at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Friday 16th October, 7.30pm. Jonathan, renowned singer and musician, will be performing his acclaimed one man show, filled with music, singing, moving and hilarious anecdotes from his professional and personal life. Tickets £10 available from Parish Office or see Rector Ian.

St Mary's will celebrate **Harvest Festival** on Sunday 4th October at 10.30am.



All Things Bright and Beautiful takes place in St Mary's Church each Tuesday from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. A short service, 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.

REFLECTION

Hope that Dances

Isaiah 35: 4-7a & 8-10 and John 12: 12-19

This weekend Swanage is filled with dancing and music. A wonderfully diverse array of teams are dancing as part of this year's Swanage Folk Festival and we have the joy of having three teams with us dancing in our service at St Mary's this Sunday morning.

In our reading from Isaiah, we hear a promise of God's salvation: *"Be strong, do not fear; here is your God."* The prophet speaks of a world transformed by God's presence — the blind seeing, the deaf hearing, the lame leaping like a deer, and the wilderness becoming a place of life and joy. It is a beautiful vision of what happens when God comes among his people and the world is transformed by his presence - a world where sorrow gives way to gladness and where people journey together towards hope. That feels particularly appropriate this weekend, as the Folk music and dancing bring people together. Strangers become partners, and a community is created through rhythm, movement and shared joy.

In our reading from John's Gospel, Jesus enters Jerusalem with people waving branches, joyfully shouting his praise. But amidst the celebration, Jesus alone knows that great suffering and the cross are his destiny. I think there is a challenge here for us all. Christian joy is not pretending that life is always easy. It is choosing to celebrate God's goodness even in the face of fear, loneliness, grief or pain.

So this festival, whether we are dancing, or watching others dance, may our hearts be filled with joy and may our community be a place where people discover hope. And may Christ, who entered Jerusalem amid songs of praise, walk with us — turning our celebration into thanksgiving and our dancing into a joyful expression of God's love.

Every blessing
Ian

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