SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY
St. Mary's
Sunday 15th November 2026
2 before Advent

A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

8.00am	**HOLY COMMUNION (said)**	*Revd John Cooper*
10.30am	**CHORAL EUCHARIST**	*Canon Jeremy Oakes*
1.00pm	Baptism: Ava Rose Gousseau	
6.30pm	**COME & SING EVENSONG**	*Canon Anthony Clegg*

10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional: 336 (omit *)
Gradual: 129(i)
Offertory: 367
Communion: 276
Post Communion: 262
Psalm: 90 v.1-8

Setting: *Sumsion/Rawsthorne*

Motet: Irish Blessing *Chilcott*

Voluntary: Toccata *Gigout*

Eucharistic Prayer: B, pg 22

6.30pm Come & Sing

My Eyes for Beauty Pine *Howells*
Responses: *Smith*
Psalm: 89 v.19-29
Office Hymn: 190
Canticles: *Wood* in D

Anthem: O for a Closer Walk with God *Stanford*

Hymns: 219, 203

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Readings for 6.30pm

1 Kings 1:15-40
Revelation 1:4-18

Churchwardens
Avril Harris
Cliff Sutton

Director of Music
Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect
Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive us in new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer
Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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 17th	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 18th	10.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom
	11.00am	Holy Communion in the chapel
Fri 20th	5.30/6.30pm	Children/Adults Choir practice

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 22nd November – Christ the King

8.00am	**HOLY COMMUNION (said)**	*Revd Ian Bird*
10.30am	**CHORAL EUCHARIST**	*Revd Ian Bird*
6.30pm	**CHORAL EVENSONG**	*Revd Dave Richards*

TEAM NOTICES

TODAY - 'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong, 15th November at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month was to be Professor Stephen Darlington, formerly Christ Church, Oxford, but due to ill health he has unfortunately had to withdraw. The upside is Simon Lole, Director of Music at St Mary's, will be taking the lead in his place. *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!

An Evening with Antimo Magnotta – 17th November, 7.30-9.00pm at Newton Manor Hall. Doors open at 7pm and tickets are £12.50 which can be purchased from Alan May 07827 892893, through Eventbrite https://TheArtofListeningwithAntimoMagnotta.evenbrite.com or via BACS if you have the bank details. More info on our website under News & Events.

A Seasonal Crafting Workshop on a current theme from The Mothers' Union. Thursday December 3rd at 10:30 am in St Mary's Rectory Classroom. Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits, good fellowship, topical discussion, and crafting! What more could you want?
Bring along your favourite scissors and any old Christmas Cards you might like to recycle; everything else will be provided. More details from Paul Baird (pauldbaird@aol.com)

Christmas Toys – churches together are raising money to buy Christmas presents for some local children in our schools. If you wish to contribute, donations can be left in the church office or given to the wardens. Alternatively, online donations can be made to: Churches Together in Swanage and District, Sort Code 30-99-12, Acct No. 01619035. Please use the reference 'TOYS'. Thank you.

Christmas cards with a Nativity theme are on sale again this year in our three Swanage churches. Some old and some new designs, packs of five for £2.50, profits to parish funds.

Studland Community Coffee is back in the Church Hall, every Thursday from 10am to 11.30am … cafetiere coffee, brilliant biscuits and fabulous friendship. Do please join us.

Tabletop Sale in Studland Village Hall Saturday 28th November 10am to 2pm. St Nicholas has 2 tables and will be selling books and toys. If you have any books, toys or other saleable items, please could you bring them to the St Nicholas Church Hall on the afternoon of Friday 27th November – or contact Jane Hawksworth to make alternative arrangements. Or contact Jane if you would like to help on the day of the Sale.

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.

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.

REFLECTION

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

It's sometimes said that a good preacher's job is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. The prophets managed this at a stroke in their visions of 'the day of the Lord', and Zephaniah (whose comforting last few words are what we usually read) certainly doesn't pull any punches with the comfortable. It's a tradition of teaching that Jesus follows in his round condemnation of the corrupt leaders of Israel. 'The day of the Lord' is essentially about the great reversal: the hungry will be filled with good things and the rich sent empty away.

Whether you relish this reversal, dread it, or simply ignore it, anyone who hungers and thirsts for righteousness will want to see an end to all suffering – certainly their own – by the overthrow of powerful oppressors. It's a near-universal human longing (exploited gleefully by many in the media) to see the mighty put down from their seats, even if the elevation of the humble and meek doesn't make such good clickbait.

The mighty are usually efficient at preventing their own downfall, and often stand together when found out. Justice may catch up with a few, but sadly, it's in the nature of the merciless to maintain a tight grip on their power. The 'day of the Lord' seems only to be slowly, painfully realised – at least for now - not by a greater power violently annihilating a smaller one, but by Jesus's own methods, learned from his Father: patience and long-suffering, love, mercy, truth, obedience-unto-death. *Revelation* draws on the same prophetic tradition: it depicts the hidden but nonetheless fundamental reversal of power realised in and by the crucified and risen Christ. You just need eyes to see it.

Matthew's parable of the talents which immediately follows the parable of the wise and foolish virgins teaches the disciples themselves something more. The 5/2 and the forecast punishment clarify *who* will be called to account on this day of reckoning : it's for Christ's teachers to pass on the teaching they're given with confidence, joy and energy. The Kingdom of Heaven is about service, responsibility – it's *busy.* Shepherds have freedom of choice about if and how they serve, and they're given different opportunities – but they will be called to account for how they've passed on what they have received.

Revd Terence Handley MacMath

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