



Sunday 17 May 2026
Holy Communion 10.00am
Revd Tony Edmonds

**A very warm welcome to our
service this morning in St Nicholas
Church, Studland**

... and a special welcome if you are a visitor to our Church! This is a Holy Communion service, and you are most welcome to take Communion with us. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please ask. Or if you would prefer to have a blessing, just bring this Notice Sheet with you to the communion rail, to give an indication to the priest.

Children are most welcome in our church. Do not worry if they are noisy or make a break for freedom: we are just delighted to have the children in Church with us. There are toys in the two green boxes at the back of the Church - and everyone is welcome to use them.

We are always most appreciative of donations to help maintain both the Church here in Studland, and its ministry. If you would like to make a gift, we have a traditional plate for cash donations with Gift Aid envelopes available, as well as a contactless card payment station at the exit to the Church. If you would like to make a donation directly from your bank account or set up a regular donation by Standing Order, the Church's bank account is '*PCC of Studland, sort code 55-61-19, account number 69056935*'. If you have any queries or questions, please contact the Treasurer, Eric Stobart at eric@thestobarts.co.uk.

After the service, we serve coffee, tea and other refreshments in the Church Hall. Please do join us - and get to know us all a little better.

For regular updates on Church activities throughout the week, please find us on www.achurchnearyou.com You can also follow us on Facebook. (St Nicholas Church Studland) – do give us a like or two!

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SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY
St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas'
17 May 2026 - Easter 7

Reading for this Sunday is: Acts 1, 6 - 14

Gospel Reading: John 17:1–11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, ³ to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Collect

O God the king of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus
Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in
heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ
has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,

REFLECTION

“Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”

As we emerge from the liturgical celebration of Easter in Church, how might we ‘sally forth’...to do justice to the enormity of the message we ask others to believe?

In my first parish in Leicester nearly 50 years ago, we had a wonderfully inspiring Sunday School Superintendent called Katherine Grigson. I always remember her saying that “children remember 20% of what they read...50% of what they see...and 90% of what they do.” As a result, her lessons in the basics of Christian life were always fun; and the children loved her. Though she could be stern, the children probably learnt more by her manner and obvious integrity than anything else. In other words, her faith was infectious.

Katherine was one of those quietly confident Christian souls who radiated her faith by being what she was: a caring and thoughtful person who always sought a Christian way through the day’s encounters with others. Our geographical parish housed the Midlands’ centre of Mormonism; and our parishioners were always being visited by pairs of brave young American men seeking converts to their faith. Katherine’s response was to accept their invitation to visit them...if they would come to Parish Evensong in return...as some did! I never heard her speak ill of anyone; and she was immensely tolerant of other people’s idiosyncrasies...not to mention those of the succession of green curates that passed through the parish! I was one of many who will never forget her; though she would be amazed to hear it. (She also gave me a bottle of sherry every Christmas!)

Katherine’s unassuming daily witness was founded upon several “rules” that revolved around regular Bible reading, daily prayer and a total commitment to church on Sundays. She wasn’t manifestly pious, and she never “preached”; but she probably knew more than most of us put together.

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TEAM NOTES

TODAY - *From Soil to Sky*, a Celtic Service of Worship. 17th May at 6.30pm, St Nicholas Church, Studland. Everyone is welcome!

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Tuesday, **Barbara Matthews** retired as Church Warden. Barbara has been a Church Warden at St Nicholas Studland for over 20 years – and she has been, quite simply, brilliant. Thank you, Barbara from all of us. With love.

Diary Date: Breakfast for Everyone – Saturday 6th June, 8.30 – 10am
Come anytime between 8.30 – 10am to join us for breakfast ...

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 12th June, 4-8pm. Free activities for all ages with free tea, cake and hotdogs.

St Mark's Afternoon Concert: Sunday 14th 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 27th 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).

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