

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's Sunday 2nd August 2026 Trinity 9



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

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

10.30am – Family Eucharist

Processional: NHWS 180
Gradual: NHWS 26
Offertory: NHWS 71
Communion: NHWS 116
Post Communion: NHWS 85
Psalm:

Setting: *Nardone* Mass
Motet: Ave Verum *Elgar*
Eucharistic Prayer: as per order of service.

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Responses: *Ferial*
Psalm: 80
Office Hymn: 343
Canticles: *Chants (1)*

Anthem: Spirit of the Living God
Wright

Hymns: 227, 216

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

Readings for 6.30pm

1 Kings 10:1-13
Acts 13:1-13

Churchwarden

Avril Harris
Cliff Sutton

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of
your Son
to share this meal with the whole household
of God:
in that new world where you reveal the
fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of 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 4 th Aug	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 5 th	10.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom
	11.00am	Holy Communion in the chapel

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 9th August – Trinity 10

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	<i>Revd Natalie Davies</i>
10.30am	CHORAL EUCHARIST	<i>Revd Natalie Davies</i>
6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG	<i>Revd's Natalie Davies & Ian Bird</i>

TEAM NOTICES

Saying Goodbye to Revd Natalie - Revd Natalie's last Sunday before she leaves for her new role as Succentor, St George's Chapel Windsor Castle and Chaplain, St George's School, will be next Sunday, 9th August. She will be preaching and presiding at 8am and 10.30am services and Natalie and Joseph's final service with us in the Team will be Choral Evensong at St Mary's at 6.30pm followed by refreshments - all are welcome!

Swanage Lifeboat Service: Sunday 16th August on the Pier at 5:30pm. ~There will no 6.30pm Evensong at St Mary's.

Carnival Week - Congratulations to Friday Fun Club who won 1st Prize in the walking float category in the Carnival Procession!! A huge thank you to all who were involved in the Carnival and in the Churches Together Tent on Sandpit Field during Carnival Week.

Studland's Community Coffee Morning - Down on the Farm. Thursdays at 10am, the Manor Farm Tea Rooms. The Community Coffee group has moved to Manor Farm for the summer season. Same fun. Same great conversation. Lovely coffee and excellent scones! See you there!

A Studland Summer Date for your Diary. Hymns and Pimms at St Nicholas, Studland 23rd August at 6.30pm.



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..

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T-Pot is held every Wednesday from 10.00am to 12.30pm in the Rectory Classroom. Come along for a cuppa and a chat, we'd love to see you. **Please note** that T-Pot will continue meeting every week through the summer, all are welcome to join us.



Natalie's installation in St George's Chapel will take place at Evensong at 5.15pm on 1st September. All are welcome. Parking is available in the town centre car parks. Please arrive to King Henry VIII gate by 5pm, the police officers on duty will let you know when the Chapel doors have opened (seating in the Quire is limited so early arrival is recommended to give the best chance of a view- (the screen between Quire and Nave is annoyingly solid!)

Candle Wax for Ukraine - The support group in Bournemouth is no longer collecting candles and wax. Many thanks to all those who have donated towards the large collection of candles, candle ends, and wax.

St Mary's 'Children's Area' : We are considering moving the children's area to the other side of the aisle, behind the welcomers' desk. If you have any comments or feedback, please speak to one of the churchwardens.'

REFLECTION

Genesis 32:22-31, Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

It's not about the loaves! (or the fishes...) A careful reading of Matthew's gospel reveals that the 'feeding' of the 5,000 with 5 loaves is yet another way for Matthew to teach that God had not abandoned Israel. After the shocking betrayal and death of John the Baptist by Herod – the murder of Israel's prophet and priest-by-lineage their own king - Jesus went to the wilderness where John had drawn crowds of people hungry for God.

Jesus had compassion on them, healed them, and taught them. His teaching was entrusted to the disciples, passing on what they had received themselves, just as they gave out the loaves and fishes. That teaching was a continuation of the teaching of Moses from Sinai, but – and here's the thing – it either deepens the Torah which was the defining and redeeming gift to Israel, or it replaces it. How do you read it?

['5000' is the give-away – 5 represents the 5 books of the written Torah which constitutes and defines Israel, and the 12 baskets remaining suggests the overflowing indwelling and redeeming Wisdom given to the twelve tribes of Israel. The later feeding of the 4000, which follows Jesus's encounter with 'a woman' in Gentile territory who begs Jesus to heal her daughter, represents the gift being extended to the whole world - all 4 corners of it - by 7 loaves , seven being the Hebrew number of completion.]

Paul's letter to the Romans, written long before Matthew's gospel, expresses his transformative experience of the crucified Jesus and the Holy Spirit now indwelling people's hearts. To him, it fulfilled every saving promise made to Israel through his prophets, but this continuity and fulfilment wasn't the experience of all Jewish people. He wrestles with what he felt would be the consequences for his own people and a seeming reneging by God of those promises.

The wrestling of Jacob with 'a man' who (re)names Jacob while withholding his own names still resonates with Jews and Christians. 'Israel' is usually translated as 'the one who wrestles with God', or 'God wrestles' – though it *could* also be 'the man who saw God'. Wrestling is to be expected. Don't be surprised, then, or offended, if scripture truthfully reflects our realities. It is 'a light to our path and a lantern to our feet' both in our certainties and our perplexities.

Revd Terence Handley MacMath

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