

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's

Sunday 22nd February 2026

Lent 1



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	Revd Ian Bird
10.30am	CHORAL EUCHARIST (followed by Sunday School for children in St Mary's Rooms)	Revd Ian Bird
6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG	Revd Natalie Davies

10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional: 4
Gradual: 129 (ii)
Offertory: 56
Communion: 274
Post Communion: 123 (ii)
Psalm: 32
Setting: Aston/Sumsion Mass
Motet: Ave Verum Pearsall
Eucharistic Prayer: E, pg 30
Voluntary: Carillon Vierne

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Locust Iste Bruckner
Responses: Ebdon
Psalm: 50 v.1-15
Office Hymn: 64
Canticles: Purcell in G minor
Anthem: Lord, Let Me Know
Mine End Greene
Hymns: 66, 230

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Readings for 6.30pm

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 16-end
Luke 15:1-10

Churchwardens

Avril Harris
Ray Davis

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days
in the wilderness, and was tempted as we
are, yet without sin: give us grace to
discipline ourselves in obedience to your
Spirit; and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 God,
you have renewed us with the living bread
from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is
the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
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
Sunday 22 nd	1.00pm	Baptism: Karlito & Santino Hartnell
Tuesday 24 th	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Wednesday 25 th	10.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom
	11.00am	Holy Communion with healing in the chapel
Friday 27 th	12 noon	Funeral: Barrie Green
	5.30/6.30pm	Children/Adults Choir practice
	6.30pm	Friday Fun Club in the Rectory Classroom

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 1st March –Lent 2

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

TEAM NOTICES

Sunday School (every 2nd and 4th 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!

Lent Groups: In conjunction with other churches in Swanage we are running a Lent Course, entitled '*The Prayer Course*'. Based on the Lord's Prayer, this excellent 6 week course will enable us to grow and deepen our prayer lives. Courses have now started and the next meetings are:

St Mary's (St Mary's Rooms)	Mon 23 rd Feb	2.00pm
St Mark's Meeting Room	Tues 24 th Feb	7.00pm
Emmanuel Baptist Church	Weds 25 th Feb	6.00pm
St Nicholas Church Hall	Thurs 26 th Feb	11.30am
All Saints	Fri 27 th Feb	4.00pm

Don't worry if you can't make all the group sessions at one particular church, as you will be able to 'mix and match' to your convenience, as each week we will be studying the same themes in each church.

Lent Lunches 2026 Everyone is welcome to join us for delicious soup, rolls and cheese at the following venues during Lent as we raise funds for the invaluable work of Christian Aid in our troubled world.

Friday 27th February	12:00 - 1:30 in the Rectory Classroom
Thursday 5th March	12:00 - 1:30 at All Saints' Church
Friday 13th March	12:00 - 1:30 at St. Mark's Church
Friday 20th March	12:00 - 1:30 at URC Church

You are assured of a warm welcome in good company!

'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong Sunday, 8th March at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month is David Ogden, conductor and composer. *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!

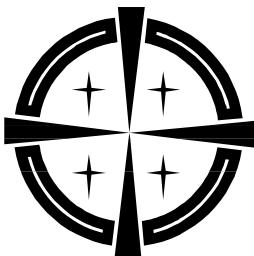
Any Questions? – Tues day 24th February at All Saints Church, Ullwell Rd. Doors open at 6.30pm tea/coffee. Presentation 7.00pm by Kevin Burke – 'All done by kindness – Magic, Performance and Faith'. An intriguing evening awaits! All welcome.

Parables from Palestine. Open meeting and talk by The Very Revd Nick Papadopoulos. Tues 10th March, 7.30pm at Sandford School, Wareham, BH20 7BN. Come and hear first hand experiences and perspectives from the Holy Land. Free event. No booking required.

Funerals in our churches:

Barrie Green	Fri 27 Feb	12.00pm	St Mary's
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REFLECTION



On the wall in my study, I have certain pictures, documents and other items which mean something to me. I have some framed certificates reminding me of the significant stepping stones of my life. I have one or two group photographs of past gatherings with colleagues and friends; and I have the inevitable pictures of loved ones. As I look around the walls, they all transport me to bits of what I am.

I have long cherished a small book I first read whilst at Theological College called *“Becoming What I Am”*. The book is a compilation of short talks given by its author (Fr. Harry Williams) about prayer. I liked the book because it was simple and down to earth, and I have re-read it many times over the years. It talks to me about *where I was...* and not necessarily as if I was already *“there”*. A young ordinand appreciated that kind of approach...and I still do!

Not without humour, the book used the day to day experiences of life - the important and the trivial - to illustrate great truths about the *“spiritual”* that are common to us all. It also had a title that caught my eye! By using the word, *“becoming”* the author pointed to a journey to a future point. But by qualifying it with, *“Becoming...what I am”* we are reminded of the futility of always looking for some distant peak of spirituality to which we shall all doubtless ascend ‘one day’...if we do our homework!

This ought to be the attitude to accompany us into the season of Lent. **Do not** adopt airs and graces about what you ought to be. **Do not** enter it with unrealistic expectations of your own application to rigorous routines. **Do** give yourself one or two simple goals; and **do** come regularly to church to be with God and his other very fallible people. In other words, enter it with *simplicity* and *openness*...and you will not be disappointed at its end. It’s a bit like life really!

Rev Canon Jeremy Oakes

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