

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY



St. Mary's
Sunday 23rd August 2026

Trinity 12 – Bartholomew the Apostle

A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	<i>Revd Dave Richards</i>
10.30am	CHORAL EUCHARIST	<i>Canon Jeremy Oakes</i>
5.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG	<i>Canon Anthony Clegg</i>

10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional: 2
Gradual: 144
Offertory: 133
Communion: 266 (omit *)
Post Communion: 247 (ii)
Psalm: 145 v. 1-7
Setting: *Nardone* Mass
Motet: Author of Love Divine
Shephard
Eucharistic Prayer: B pg 22

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Responses: *Ferial*
Psalm: 97
Office Hymn: 7
Canticles: *Chants* (3)
Anthem: View Me Lord
Lloyd
Hymns: 9 (omit *), 11(i)

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Isaiah 43:8-13
Acts 5:12-16 (pg 131)
Luke 22:24-30

Readings for 6.30pm

Isaiah 61:1-9
2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Churchwardens

Avril Harris
Cliff Sutton

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we
to pray and to give more than either we
desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your
mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our
conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which we
are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

God of all mercy,
in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name 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 25 th	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 26 th	10.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom
	11.00am	Holy Communion with Healing in the chapel

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 30th August – Trinity 13

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

TEAM NOTICES

TONIGHT 23rd August at 6.30pm at St Nicholas in Studland. Hymns and Pimm's. The hymns we are singing have been requested by members of the congregation – and represent a happy memory – or maybe just have a nice tune! And the clue is in the name --- Pimm's and soft drinks will be served after the service. So, if you fancy a drive out on Sunday evening, do come. Everyone will be made welcome.

Natalie's Licensing on Tuesday 1st September. If you want to go but need a lift or if you are driving and have a spare seat, could you please leave your name and contact telephone number with the wardens Avril or Cliff or with Ian. We will do our best to marry up drivers and passengers.

Some great news! Following our recent 'Generous God, Generous People' series, 10 new donors have joined our Parish Giving Scheme, which is most encouraging. I don't know who you are, whether couples or individuals, but I just want to thank you for your generosity and commitment to our Parish. If you have been considering joining the scheme and want further information please do not hesitate to talk to one of the clergy, John our Treasurer, or a warden. Next month, we will give a fuller update on our financial situation. Thank you again and thank you to all who give to support our worship and mission. Ian, Rector.

Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival – Concert at St Nicholas at 11.00am on Friday 4th September. As part of the festival, which has a theme of the Sea, there will be a concert at St Nicholas Church at 11.00am on Friday 4th September entitled 'Still Waters'. Full details of the concerts and a booking link can be found at info@picmf.org.



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..

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.



Keys for St Mary's - The Yale lock for St Mary's Rooms has been replaced. Please ask a churchwarden if you need a replacement key. If you hold keys, please see a churchwarden (Cliff or Avril) to complete an updated form. If you have keys you no longer need, please return them to a churchwarden. This is a good opportunity to update our record of key holders!

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!

REFLECTION

Isaiah 43: 8-13, Acts 5:12-16, Luke 22: 24-30

Today we celebrate the Feast Day of St Bartholomew the Apostle which is actually tomorrow. So I thought my reflection might extend to what we know about Bartholomew. My first problem occurred in the first line of my chosen study book which said, "also known as Nathanael" Mmm, I reflected, so why Bartholomew and not Nathanael? Is this just a C of E whim?

Looking at the list of Apostles in Matthew, Mark and Luke we find Bartholomew listed, but in John no Bart, only Nathanael. In some there is an aside, "sometimes called Nathanael." I came across several assertions that scholars "generally" agree that Bartholomew and Nathanael are one and the same person. Who am I, a poor old retired parson, to disagree with them? Never the less I did spend a bit of time reflecting, and I invite you to do the same.

Bartholomew is named in the apostle lists in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the Book of Acts, but no individual stories or teachings are explicitly attributed to the name Bartholomew in canonical scripture.

Nathanael plays a minor role in the gospels, yet his brief appearance in the Gospel of John is significant. When Jesus met him, he said, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." Jesus commended Nathanael's honest character and his genuine hope for the Messiah. Nathanael was astonished that Jesus had noticed him under the fig tree.

So there you have it, let's presume that Bartholomew and Nathanael are one and the same person. This person had an astounding record of post resurrection missionary work. He traveled to regions like India, Mesopotamia, and Armenia to spread the Gospel and was credited with helping bring Christianity to Armenia. Tradition states he was martyred in a particularly barbaric way.

Saint Bartholomew is revered in the Anglican lectionary as one of the Twelve Apostles, a foundational witness to Christ's earthly ministry, resurrection, and ascension, and a representative of early missionary expansion to the ends of the earth. His feast is traditionally celebrated on the 24th August. A record worth reflecting on?

With blessings, John Cooper

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