

# SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

## St. Mary's Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Palm Sunday



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	Revd Ian Bird
10.30am	CHORAL EUCHARIST	Revd Ian Bird
6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG	Revd Jo Levasier

### 10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional:	60
Gradual:	65
Offertory:	119
Communion:	260(i)
Post Communion:	63 (omit *)
Psalm:	118 v.1-2, 19-end
Setting:	<i>Aston/Sumsion</i>
Motet:	Pueri Hebraeorum <i>Palestrina</i>
Eucharistic Prayer:	E, pg 30
Voluntary:	Fugue in G Minor <i>J S Bach</i>

### 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Call to Remembrance	<i>Farrant</i>
Responses:	<i>Ebdon</i>
Psalm:	80
Office Hymn:	66
Canticles:	Gloucester Service <i>Howells</i>
Anthem:	God So Loved the World <i>Stainer</i>
Hymns:	61, 64
Voluntary:	Prelude, Fugue and Variation <i>Franck</i>

### **Readings for 8am & 10.30am**

Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 26: 14-end, 1-66  
(dramatised)

### **Readings for 6.30pm**

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Matthew 21:33-end

### Churchwardens

Avril Harris  
Ray Davis

### Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human  
race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus  
Christ to take upon him our flesh and to  
suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his  
patience and humility, and also be made  
partakers of his resurrection;  
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 Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a  
servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our  
salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## 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 31 <sup>st</sup>	2.30pm 7.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service Sung Compline
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	10.00am 11.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom Holy Communion in the chapel
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Maundy Thurs stripping of the alter / foot washing
Good Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12-3pm	3 hours at the Cross
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30pm	Easter Eve Vigil with lighting of the Paschal candle

## SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day

8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION (said)</b>	<i>Revd John Cooper</i>
10.30am	<b>CHORAL EUCHARIST for Easter Day</b>	<i>Revds Ian Bird &amp; Natalie Davies</i>
6.30pm	<b>CHORAL EVENSONG</b>	<i>Revd Dave Richards</i>

# TEAM NOTICES

**Today is Palm Sunday.** This year we will all be together for the start of the 10.30 am service in St Mary's and there will not be a procession from the station.

## **St Mary's Holy Week and Easter Services**

(see our Easter card for details of the services at other churches in the team)

### **7.30pm Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Maundy Thursday Eucharist**

If you wish to take part in the foot washing in this service, please sign up on the sheet at the back of St Mary's.

**Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April** 11.00am Churches Together Walk of Witness followed by 11.30am service at the Bandstand (15 mins)

**12noon Three Hours at the Cross:** Readings, prayers, reflections, silence and music. Please come and go during the hymns every 20 mins.

### **8.30pm Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April Easter Eve Vigil with lighting of the Paschal Candle**

**Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April: 8.00am Easter Communion (said)**

**10.30am Choral Eucharist for Easter Day**

**6.30pm Festal Evensong**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Ulwell.



**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 10am to 12.30pm in the Rectory Classroom. Come along for a cuppa and a chat. Everyone welcome!



## **Team Contact details**

**Team Rector**

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**Team Vicar**

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# REFLECTION

## Psalm 118    Philippians 2:5-11    Matthew 26:14-27:66

A cinematographer of this dense Passion might choose long, slow, close-ups of the confrontations between Jesus and Judas over the cup and in the garden. It started when a mother and son (an ass and her foal ass - Zechariah 14.4) entered Jerusalem: God's presence with humanity is being restored.

It is the fulfilment of God's warning (Genesis 3.15) that there will be enmity between Satan and the Woman/Eve, and his children and hers. Satan will 'bruise the heel' of the Woman's child, but the child will 'bruise his head'. The same life-and-death confrontation between the dragon and the woman (Revelation 12) glimmers through this Gospel, from Herod's murderous search for the 'mother and her child' to the chief priests at the foot of the cross.

At the Passion it all comes into open. Jesus can be hailed as 'the Son of David'. His disciples, children of the Spirit, wave palm branches or garments, symbols of the Spirit's true teaching, as they welcome Spirit and Son on their passage to the temple. Psalm 118 reads as a liturgical Temple celebration of some sort, which, for Christians, foreshadows Jesus and the Eucharist – though Satan has finally got his prey – the one rival he will accept for the ransom of humankind. The Eucharist recalls and celebrates the Trinity's self-giving love that pays off Satan so dearly.

Meanwhile, Judas twice addresses Jesus as 'Rabbi', defying Jesus's instruction: 'Call no one "rabbi" for you have only one teacher, and you are all her children' (Matthew 23.8). The final act of betrayal is when Judas calls Jesus 'rabbi' a second time and kisses him (or does Matthew suggest that Judas is actually kissing *'affectionately'* the 'rabbi', the Spirit, within Jesus?)

Jesus responds with 'Comrade' – the same word spoken by the master of the wedding feast to the man with no Wisdom garment before ejecting him. And just as Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, so 'Satan's brood' of the chief priests and their slaves taunt Jesus on the cross. Evil will be decisively defeated, but only by the Son's loving obedience to the very end, which means relinquishing even the comfort of the Spirit in order to die. That final, total emptying, described in Philippians 2.5-11, gives Satan no further claim over his family.

*Revd Terence Handley MacMath*