

# SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

## St. Mary's Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 Easter 5



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION (said)</b>	<i>Revd Dave Richards</i>
10.30am	<b>FAMILY EUCHARIST</b>	<i>John Payne &amp; Canon Jeremy Oakes</i>
6.30pm	<b>CHORAL EVENSONG</b>	<i>Revd Natalie Davies</i>

### 10.30am – Family Eucharist

Processional:	163 (NHWS)
Gradual:	51 (NHWS)
Offertory:	53 (NHWS)
Communion:	130 (NHWS)
Post Communion:	59 (NHWS)

Setting: *Halls* Mass

Motet: A New Commandment  
*Nardone*

Eucharistic Prayer: as per order of  
service

Voluntary: Piece d'Orgue  
*J S Bach*

### 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Introit: The Easter Song of  
Praise *Shepherd*

Responses: *Radcliffe*

Psalm: 147 v.1-12

Office Hymn: 458

Canticles: *Walmisley* in D Minor

Anthem: Rise Up, My Love  
*Willan*

Hymns: 83, 161

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

1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

### **Readings for 6.30pm**

Zechariah 4:1-10  
Revelation 21:1-14

### Churchwarden

Avril Harris  
Cliff Sutton

### Director of Music

Simon Lole

*(please contact via the Parish Office)*

## Collect

Almighty God,  
who through your only begotten Son Jesus  
Christ have overcome death and opened to  
us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before  
us you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
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,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the  
truth and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## 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.



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## ST MARY'S DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Daily (Mon– Sat)	8.00am	Morning Prayer – All Welcome
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 11.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom Holy Communion in the chapel
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	5.30/6.30pm	Children/Adults Choir practice

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## SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> May – ~Easter 6

8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION (said)</b>	<i>Revd Natalie Davies</i>
10.30am	<b>CHORAL EUCHARIST</b>	<i>Revd Natalie Davies</i>
6.30pm	<b>COME &amp; SING EVENSONG</b>	<i>Revd Jo Levasier</i>

# TEAM NOTICES

**'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong** next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month is Prof Stephen Darlington, formerly of Christ Church, Oxford. *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!

**Christian Aid Week 10th - 16th May.** There will be a coffee morning and cake sale (in the Rectory Classroom) on 16th May between 10 - 12 noon. This is supported by churches in Swanage so we do hope you will find time to come and meet people. On 10th May at 10:30 there will be a service at the Methodist Church highlighting the work of Christian Aid.

**Ascension Day** services will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at St Nicholas, Studland, 6.30am, followed by breakfast in the Church Hall and at St Mary's. 7.30pm.

**Message from Rev Dr Ian Bird:** Our Curate, Natalie, will be leaving Swanage in August to be licensed as Succentor at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, and Chaplain at St George's School there. She will also be completing her curacy at St George's. The Succentor is a priest who leads and sings worship, supports liturgical planning and administration, and contributes to the pastoral and teaching life of St George's. Natalie is extremely sad to leave Swanage and Studland and the Diocese of Salisbury. She has met and worked with some wonderful people who have become dear friends. She is grateful to be here for one more Summer, and excited to see what God has in store for this next chapter of her ministry. Please do hold Natalie and Joseph in your prayers, along with the people of Swanage, Studland, Windsor and the College of St George.

**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!

**Date for your diary 17<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm, St Nicholas Church, Studland.** A special service From Soil to Sky, a Celtic Service of Worship. Everyone is welcome!



**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 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.



**Friday Fun Club** – meets on Friday evenings 6.30-8pm, during term time, in the Rectory Classroom for school years 4-9 to enjoy food, games and chat.

# REFLECTION

## John 14:1-14

**Who is Jesus**, and why is he so special? We find the answer in John 14:6, when Jesus tells us that he is: *“The Way, the Truth and the Life”*. It’s a great soundbite, but Jesus intended this to be more than self-promotion.

**The context of John 14 is complicated.** It is part of Jesus’ last discourse. He knows that his disciples are about to face a devastating loss; he wants to offer them comfort. He also wants to prepare them for the task of witnessing to his death and resurrection, so his words are a mixture of teaching and reassurance. He begins with words of assurance: *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me .....”* He speaks of going away and *“preparing a place for them”*. We are indebted to Thomas – questioning, doubting Thomas - for speaking up and saying: *‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’* This prompts the wonderful response: *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me”*.

**These words sum up so much about Jesus.**

- He doesn’t just show us the Way – he is **the Way**. Through him we meet God.
- He doesn’t just tell us the truth – he embodies **the Truth**. Truth is a major theme in John’s Gospel; at the very beginning of the Gospel we hear that: *“the Word became flesh and dwelt among us..... full of grace and truth”*. Jesus lives out God’s truth in his earthly life, and lets us see God in himself.
- Jesus tops all this off by saying he is **the Life**. Life is another key theme of this Gospel – also mentioned the opening words of the Gospel and expanded in John 10:10, where Jesus promises his followers *“Life in all its fullness”*.

These words are more than a soundbite; they are a commission to share Jesus, his way, his truth and his new life, in all its fullness, with the world.

*Revd Dave Richards*

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