

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's Sunday 8th March 2026 Lent 3



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

- 8.00am** **HOLY COMMUNION (said)** *Revd John Cooper*
- 10.30am** **CHORAL EUCHARIST** *Canon Jeremy Oakes*
followed by St Mary's AGM
- 6.30pm** **COME & SING EVENSONG** *Revd Natalie Davies*

10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional: 336 (omit*)
Gradual: 318
Offertory: 156(i)
Communion: 255
Post Communion: 298
Psalm: 95

Setting: *Aston/Darke* Mass

Motet: Call to Remembrance
 Farrant

Eucharistic Prayer: B, pg 22

Voluntary: Prelude in D *Schmidt*

6.30pm Come & Sing Evensong

View Me, Lord *Lloyd*
Responses: *Ayleward*
Psalm: 40
Office Hymn: 118
Canticles: *Sumsion in A*
Anthem: Christ has no body
 now but yours *Ogden*

Hymns: 160, 138

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Readings for 6.30pm

Joshua 1:1-9
Ephesians 6:10-20

Churchwardens

Avril Harris
Ray Davis

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was
crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way
of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life
and peace;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the
temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow
you, the only God;
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

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| Daily (Mon– Sat) | 8.00am | Morning Prayer – All Welcome |
| Monday 9 th | 12.00pm | Funeral: David Macrow |
| Tuesday 10 th | 2.30pm | All Things Bright & Beautiful service |
| Wednesday 11 th | 10.00am 11.00am | T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom Holy Communion in the chapel |
| Friday 13 th | 5.30/6.30pm 6.30pm | Children/Adults Choir practice Friday Fun Club in the Rectory Classroom |

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 15th March –Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday

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| 8.00am | HOLY COMMUNION (said) | <i>Revd Natalie Davies</i> |
| 10.30am | EUCCHARIST FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY | <i>Revd Natalie Davies</i> |
| 6.30pm | CHORAL EVENSONG | <i>Revd Ian Bird</i> |

TEAM NOTICES

St Mary's AGM will be held in church today (8th March) after the 10.30am service.

'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong today, 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. All Welcome. Music provided. Just come and sing!

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. The next meetings are:

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| St Mary's (St Mary's Rooms) | Mon 9 th Mar | 2.00pm |
| St Mark's Meeting Room | Tues 10 th Mar | 7.00pm |
| Emmanuel Baptist Church | Weds 11 th Mar | 6.00pm |
| St Nicholas Church Hall | Thurs 12 th Mar | 11.30am |
| All Saints | Fri 13 th Mar | 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 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!

Annual Revision of Electoral Roll 2026 - This Roll lists those members of the Church aged 16 or over who wish to be on their Parish Church register and thus a voting member of the Church of England at the Annual Parochial church council meeting and for the parish representatives on the deanery synod. To ensure this is kept up to date with any changes of address etc it is revised annually and so you are urged to ensure you are on the Roll by completing the form available in each church which also gives more details.

New books arriving for Lent and Easter in Saint Mary's Library include:

"Dappled Beauty" by Carys Walsh – Through Lent with Gerard Manley Hopkins and

"Wardrobes and Rings" by Julia Golding, Malcolm Guite, and Simon Horobin – Through Lent with The Inklings (C S Lewis JRR Tolkien, Dorothy L Sayers, and T S Eliot)

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/Thanksgiving services in our churches:

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| David Macrow | Mon 9 th March | 12.00pm | St Mary's |
| Marian Booth | Thurs 19 th March | 3.00pm | All Saints |

REFLECTION

John 4: 5 - 42

How is your Lent progressing? I hope you are finding the time to engage in activities that bring you closer to God and experience his renewal and transformation in your life. In today's Gospel, something transformative emerges from a very ordinary situation. Jesus, tired, in the midday heat asks a Samaritan woman, drawing water from a well, for a drink. It was a simple request, but it resulted in her life being transformed. Jesus had the courage to ask her a question, yet his very asking broke boundaries. The woman realised this. Her reply to him hinted at the enmity between Samaritans and Jews at that time and the fact that she was a woman. But all this didn't concern Jesus.

Their conversation then gets complicated. She talks of drawing physical water, of buckets and deep wells, whereas Jesus is talking about 'living water' and its properties. Eventually she understands. Many of us know what it means to draw repeatedly from wells that do not satisfy—achievement, approval, possessions, even relationships. Like the woman returning daily to the same well, we can find ourselves stuck in cycles of thirst.

Jesus then names her life story but without shaming her. He offers her 'living water' which she accepts and is transformed. Her priorities totally change. She leaves her water jar and becomes a witness and messenger to those fellow Samaritans in her community at Sychar, inviting others to 'come and see' Jesus.

We can meet Jesus in the ordinariness of life in these days of Lent. He invites us again to drink his living water that eternally satisfies. May that living water further transform us. Like that woman, may we live more boldly as witnesses to God's love and hope and may we courageously speak of what God has done for us.

Revd Ian Bird

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