



Sunday 12 July 2026
Holy Communion 10.00am
Revd Tony Edmonds

**A very warm welcome to our
service this morning in
St Nicholas Church, Studland**

... and a special welcome if you are a visitor to our Church! This is a Holy Communion service, and you are most welcome to take Communion with us. If you need a gluten-free wafer, just ask. Or if you would prefer to have a blessing, bring this Notice Sheet with you to the communion rail.

Children are most welcome in our church. Do not worry if they are noisy or make a break for freedom: we are just delighted to have children in Church with us. There are toys in the two green boxes at the back of the Church - and everyone is welcome to use them.

We are always most appreciative of donations to help maintain both the Church here in Studland, and its ministry. If you would like to make a gift, we have a traditional plate for cash donations with Gift Aid envelopes available, as well as a contactless card payment station at the exit to the Church. If you would like to make a donation directly from your bank account or set up a regular donation by Standing Order, the Church's bank account is 'PCC of Studland, sort code 55-61-19, account number 69056935'. If you have any queries or questions, please contact the Treasurer, Eric Stobart at eric@thestobarts.co.uk.

After the service, we serve coffee, tea and other refreshments in the Church Hall. Please join us - and get to know us all a little better. For regular updates on Church activities, check www.achurchnearyou.com You can also follow us on Facebook. (St Nicholas Church Studland) – do give us a like or two!

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SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY
St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas'
12 July 2026 – Trinity 6

Reading for this Sunday is Romans 8 v 1 - 11

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13 v 1 – 9, & 18 - 23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!'

Collect:

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love towards you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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:

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh us and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

REFLECTION

Matthew 13: 1-9 and 18-23 – The Parable of the Sower

The Parable of the Sower is one of Jesus' most memorable teachings and familiar to many of us. In this passage, Jesus describes a farmer scattering seed on different types of ground. Some seed falls on the path, some on rocky ground, some among thorns, and some on good soil. In the later verses of today's Gospel, Jesus explains this parable to his disciples. The seed represents the word of God, while the different soils represent the condition of people's hearts. This parable challenges us to reflect on how we receive and respond to God's message in our own lives. It encourages us to take a look at our lives regularly and determine whether we are continuing to be that good soil, being fruitful for God, or whether other things are creeping in that might mar or stunt our spiritual growth and fruitfulness as his disciples.

The good soil is the example we should strive to always be, with hearts that are open, faithful and obedient, and through applying God's word to our lives bear fruit through acts of kindness, love, forgiveness, and service to others. This fruit not only strengthens our own faith but also is a really positive witness to the power and presence of Christ those around us.

This Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the Church particularly prays for seafarers and those who work at sea. As an island kingdom, the sea is vital for our trade and life, so today we give thanks for those who work in often hazardous circumstances to bring us food, fish and goods and who often bear privations that most of us would find too hard to bear. Also, we remember and pray for chaplaincy services such as *The Mission to Seafarers*, who minister to seafarers in our ports and around the world, offering practical help and support to those far away from home for long periods. Those of us on land are called to be "good soil" by responding with compassion, supporting organisations that care for seafarers and remembering them in our prayers.

Every Blessing
Ian
Rector

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TEAM NOTES

This Sea Sunday if you wish to donate to the work of The Mission to Seafarers please go to their website: <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/support-us>

Today, St Nicholas is All at Sea! Join us at St Nicholas, Studland, at 18:30 today, 12th July, for Sea Sunday, an All-Age service of songs and readings connected with the sea. A collection will be taken at this service to support the work of the Mission to Seafarers. <https://canva.link/uvdpi19tmykvat6>

Studland's Community Coffee Morning Down on the Farm: Thursdays, from 10am to 11ish. Our Community Coffee Morning is moving to the Manor Farm Tea Rooms for the summer months. Please join us for coffee (or tea) for freshly made scones and great conversation with a lovely group of people. Everyone is welcome.

'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong today, 12th July at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month is Dr Peter Nardone, formerly Chelmsford and Worcester Cathedrals. *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!

Venezuela - Christian Aid Appeal - In response to the devastation caused by the earthquakes, we are being asked to donate via the Emergency Appeal Collection Envelopes in church, or via the following link: [Donate to the Venezuela Earthquake Appeal - Christian Aid](#)

Pimm's and Hymns: next Sunday 19th July at 3:30pm at St Mark's. Enjoy afternoon tea with a glass of Pimm's (non-alcoholic version available) and sing some of your favourite hymns. If you'd like to choose a hymn please see Dave to collect a form. Admission Free – Collection for Christian Aid Venezuela Earthquake Appeal and St Mark's Church.

Goodbye to Revd Natalie - Revd Natalie's last Sunday before she leaves for her new role as Succentor, St George's Chapel Windsor Castle and Chaplain, St George's School, will be 9th August. Hers and Joseph's final service with us will be Choral Evensong at St Mary's at 6.30pm followed by refreshments. She will also be presiding at 8am and 10.30am. Natalie will be working around the other churches in our team to take final services as follows- St Mark's at 10am on 12th July, All Saints at 8am & 10.30am on 19th July, and St Nicholas' Studland at 10am on 2nd August.

Natalie's installation in St George's Chapel will take place at Evensong at 5.15pm on 1st September. All are welcome. Parking is available in the town centre car parks. Please arrive to King Henry VIII gate by 5pm, the police officers on duty will let you know when the Chapel doors have opened (seating in the Quire is limited so early arrival is recommended to give the best chance of a view- the screen between Quire and Nave is annoyingly solid!).