



Sunday 13th September 2026
Holy Communion 10.00am
Revd Tony Edmonds

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

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

We love having children in our church. Please do not worry if they are noisy - or make a break for freedom: we are just delighted to have them 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 do join us - and get to know us all a little better.

For regular updates on Church activities throughout the week, you can find us on 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'
13 September, Trinity 15

Reading for this Sunday is: Romans 14 v1 - v12

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18 v 21 – v35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²² Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your
truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church
with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty
cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things
hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our
salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

REFLECTION

Hope that Dances

Isaiah 35: 4-7a & 8-10 and John 12: 12-19

This weekend Swanage is filled with dancing and music. A wonderfully diverse array of teams are dancing as part of this year's Swanage Folk Festival and we have the joy of having three teams with us dancing in our service at St Mary's this Sunday morning.

In our reading from Isaiah, we hear a promise of God's salvation: *"Be strong, do not fear; here is your God."* The prophet speaks of a world transformed by God's presence — the blind seeing, the deaf hearing, the lame leaping like a deer, and the wilderness becoming a place of life and joy. It is a beautiful vision of what happens when God comes among his people and the world is transformed by his presence - a world where sorrow gives way to gladness and where people journey together towards hope. That feels particularly appropriate this weekend, as the Folk music and dancing bring people together. Strangers become partners, and a community is created through rhythm, movement and shared joy.

In our reading from John's Gospel, Jesus enters Jerusalem with people waving branches, joyfully shouting his praise. But amidst the celebration, Jesus alone knows that great suffering and the cross are his destiny. I think there is a challenge here for us all. Christian joy is not pretending that life is always easy. It is choosing to celebrate God's goodness even in the face of fear, loneliness, grief or pain.

So this festival, whether we are dancing, or watching others dance, may our hearts be filled with joy and may our community be a place where people discover hope. And may Christ, who entered Jerusalem amid songs of praise, walk with us — turning our celebration into thanksgiving and our dancing into a joyful expression of God's love.

Every blessing
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St Nicholas Church in Studland is part of the Swanage and Studland Team Ministry
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TEAM NOTES

Your Church needs you! We do a lot at St Nicholas Church – and we need your help to keep doing it – and doing it better. We need:

Volunteers for the Flower Rota. Absolutely no experience necessary! Just an interest in helping to decorate the beautiful church a few times a year on a rota basis. Anyone and everyone welcome, help and guidance given!!

Volunteers to help with coffee on Sunday mornings after the service: Again, support and guidance will be provided. All you need is the ability to make coffee and put out the biscuits. It's a great way to meet people – and make them happy.

Volunteers to go on the rota for the Community Coffee Morning. Community Coffee comes back to the Church Hall at the beginning of October. We work in 2s, so you are never on your own. We make coffee, provide cake and biscuits – and talk a lot, to a very nice group of people.

If you are interested, put your name and phone number on one of the clipboards in the Church Hall. And if you want to chat more about it, please ask Diana Edmonds or Jane Hawksworth.

Harvest Festival in Studland. Our Harvest Festival is set for Sunday the 27th September and will be followed by a Harvest Lunch in the Manor Farms tea rooms. Tickets are on sale today --- £12.00 each.

Studland's Community Coffee Morning - Down on the Farm. Thursdays at 10am, Manor Farm Tea Rooms. There are only a few more sessions at the Manor Farm Tea Rooms before the Summer Season ends. So make the most of those delicious scones and great coffee – come and join us!

Swanage Folk Festival Service at St Mary's, 10.30am today. A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong - TODAY, 13th September at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month is Dr David Hill, Music Director, the Bach Choir. *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!

Advance Diary Date:

Jonathan Viera – at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Friday 16th October , 7.30pm. Jonathan, renowned singer and musician, will be performing his acclaimed one man show, filled with music, singing, moving and hilarious anecdotes from his professional and personal life. Tickets £10 available from Parish Office or see Rector Ian.

Reading Scripture Together – A course exploring the ancient and rich spiritual practice of *lectio divina*. To be held in St Mary's Rooms on Thursday evenings from 1st October – 19th November at 5pm for 5.15pm – 6.30pm. *Please see leaflets in church for more details or speak to Revd Terence Handley MacMath.* There is a sign-up sheet at the back of St Mary's church for anyone interested in attending.