



**Sunday 16th November 2025**  
**Morning Prayer 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 new to our church or are visiting the area!

We are always delighted to welcome children to our church. Please do not worry if they are noisy or need to run around, we are just delighted to have you all 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 normally have a special Family Communion on the first Sunday of each month – and would love to see you again then.

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.

We do not pass around a collection plate at St Nicholas' Church, but we are most appreciative of donations to help maintain both the Church and its ministry. We have a traditional plate for cash donations with Gift Aid envelopes available as well as a contactless card payments station at the exit to the Church. If you would like to make regular donations, please consider setting up a Standing Order with your bank: if this is of interest, please contact the Treasurer, Eric Stobart at [eric@thestobarts.co.uk](mailto:eric@thestobarts.co.uk).

For regular updates on Church activities throughout the week, please find us on [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://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'**  
**16<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – Safeguarding Sunday**

**Psalms 91 (Read by the Congregation)**

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.' For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

**Reading: 1 John 3, 16 – 24**

**Collect:**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

# REFLECTION

## 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

**Anglican diversity at its best!** It seems that all 4 of our churches have different readings this Sunday. We have a choice of the Communion Lectionary, the Morning Prayer readings, special readings for Safeguarding Sunday, and a whole different theme at All Saints. The message today, then, is **unity in diversity!**

**St Paul knew all about unity in diversity.** He compared the Church to a body, with all sorts of different parts, all with different purposes and functions, but all working together in unity.

*“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.” (1 Cor 12:12-13)*

**We are all different**, and our Churches are different, but we share the same faith in Jesus, and are led and guided by the same Holy Spirit.

If, (God forbid), a management consultant were ever to review our Team, he might well conclude that we could all fit into St Mary's on an average Sunday, and our other 3 churches could be sold as attractive development sites: (well, maybe not Studland...). If our churches were merely businesses that would make perfect economic, practical, efficient, sense. The truth is, however, that we are not businesses; **we are the Body of Christ**, doing His work, led by His Spirit, where he has placed us and called us.

**While St Paul would, I think, allow us to continue to express our diversity**, he might want to issue some good advice:

*“..... no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.” (1 Corinthians 12:25-26)*

Our Churches have different forms of worship and different ways of reaching out; that is wholly right, because we work in different contexts, have different mission opportunities, and are **willing to work as the Body of Christ together**.

*Revd David Richards*

## TEAM NOTES

**Safeguarding Sunday** – TODAY 16<sup>th</sup> November is marked in the Church of England as Safeguarding Sunday. Revd Jo Levasier will be preaching, at St Mary's 10.30am service, about how important safeguarding is for us all.

**'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong** TODAY, **16<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm** in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month is Martin Baker, formerly Westminster Cathedral. *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 starts at 6.30pm. All Welcome. Music provided. Just come and sing!

**Please Note:** St Mary's Church will be closed on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November all day for recording purposes. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Community Coffee** Studland's Community Coffee Morning has moved back to the Church Hall for the winter season. Please join us on Thursday mornings from 10am to 11am – for coffee, cake and conversation. We'd love to see you there.

**WSLTableTop Sale. 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 10 am in the Village Hall.** St Nicholas Church has 2 tables, a book stall and a bric a brac stall. We would love your donations! Just bring them to the Church Hall, either on a Sunday morning or on a Thursday morning. Thank you!

**Christmas Gifts for Local Children** - Next Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup> November), we will be taking a collection to buy presents for primary school children in the area whose families are in need and would otherwise would not receive presents this year. This is being organised by Churches Together in Swanage. Any contribution of any size would be very gratefully received. Many thanks in advance for your support.

**Come & Join Us at St Mary's** on Sunday, **30<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm** for our Advent Carols Service: *Music & Readings for Advent Sunday*. With candles & light it's a wonderful way to start Advent.

**Volunteers needed!** We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of people who have offered their time to help at the Community Coffee Mornings on Thursday mornings – thank you! There are still spaces to fill – so please check the rota on the notice board if you would like to help. And we still have slots to fill to serve coffee on Sundays after the service, so please sign up on the notice board – or speak with Sally, Diana or Jane.

**Mens's Breakfast --- Keep the date.** Put the December date in your diary now ... Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December from 8am to 9.30am. No need to book!!!

**Christmas Cards** are on sale now in the three Swanage churches, £2 for a pack of 5 cards. Profits will be donated to Swanage parish funds.