



Sunday 19th April 2026
Morning Prayer 10.00am
Jane Hawksworth

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.

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.

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, please 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'
19 April 2026 – Easter 3

1st Reading: Acts 2 v14a and v36-41

Gospel Reading: Luke 24 v 13 - 35

Psalm 48 v1-4 and v11-13 (read by the congregation)

¹ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. is holy mountain,

² beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

³ Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defence.

⁴ Then the kings assembled, they came on together.

¹¹ Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgements.

¹² Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers,

¹³ consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation

Collect:

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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.

REFLECTION

Luke 24: 13-35

Today's Gospel reading, the account of Cleopas and his companion (Mrs Cleopas?) encountering Jesus on the road to Emmaus. It is a beautifully told story of transformation of deep disappointment and sadness turning to clarity and joy as they meet with the risen Lord Jesus.

The two disciples were walking away from Jerusalem, weighed down by disappointment after Jesus' crucifixion, their hopes and expectations shattered. What is startling is that Jesus Himself draws near and walks with them and yet they simply do not recognize the stranger walking alongside them.

As they share with him their grief and confusion at the story of empty tomb and rumours of Jesus' resurrection, he listens patiently. Then Jesus clearly explains the scriptures and shows them that the Messiah's suffering was part of God's plan. Later in the passage, Luke tells us that Cleopas and his companion experienced 'heart burn' as he explained God's salvation plan to them – something was changing in them as they walked along that road to Emmaus. Yet, it was only later, in the breaking of bread, that their eyes are opened and they truly see Jesus.

This is a wonderful story of revelation. As we journey through our lives may we invite Jesus to walk with us. May we be open to being more transformed, more willing to live as his disciples. May we make space in our lives for prayer, the reading of scripture and reflection to enable us to realise more fully the wonder of our salvation and the fullness of life we are called to live. Just as those disciples shared their joy of meeting the risen Lord Jesus, may we share the good news we have, witnessing to the love and power of God in our lives.

Revd Ian Bird

TEAM NOTES

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Tuesday, Barbara Matthews retired as Church Warden. Barbara has been a Church Warden at St Nicholas Studland for over 20 years – and she has been, quite simply, brilliant. Thank you, Barbara from all of us. With love.

Studland's Community Coffee Morning - Down on the Farm. Thursday 23rd April 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!

St Mark's Day Celebration Service with St Mark's Band: Sunday 26th April at 10am. A special celebration for both St Mark's Church and School. Please invite friends and neighbours to this special Service, which will be followed by our usual delicious refreshments.

We are creating a fresh section in **St Mary's Library** dedicated to our children and young adults. Some new books have arrived, many thanks to a generous sponsor. If you would like to contribute towards other books in this section, please either contact me directly or the Parish Office (and remember that, by using the envelopes, you can Gift Aid your donation making it worth 25% more without additional cost to you)
Paul Baird (Pauldbaird@aol.com)

The Mayday Singers invite you to join them for an hour of Springtime Music, together with a young and talented violinist, Rosie Kent . Venue, St George's Church, Langton Matravers, date **Sunday 26th April** and time 4pm. Tickets £8 on the door, with a delicious tea following the concert. There will be a retiring collection for Purbeck Youth Music - a scheme which supports many of our young, local musicians.

St Nicholas Church in Studland is part of the **Swanage and Studland Team Ministry**. Contact details are given below:

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