



Sunday 31st May 2026
Holy Communion 10.00am
Revd Dr Ian Bird

**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, please ask. Or if you would prefer to have a blessing, just bring this Notice Sheet with you to the communion rail, to give an indication to the priest.

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 the 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 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'
31 May 2026 Trinity Sunday

Reading for this Sunday is: 1 Chronicles 29 v10 - 20

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20 v1-16

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage,³ he sent them into his vineyard. ⁴ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁵ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁶ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁷ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁸ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁹ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ¹⁰ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹² And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹³ saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹⁴ But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁵ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants
grace, by the confession of a true
faith, to acknowledge the glory of
the eternal Trinity and in the power
of the divine majesty to worship the
Unity: keep us steadfast in this
faith, that we may evermore be
defended from all adversities;
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 Prayer

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of
love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal
glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.

REFLECTION

This Sunday, Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the Christian doctrine of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—three persons in one substance, an eternal community of love. The Trinity defies definition. When struggling with the Trinity, the early church theologians, the Church Fathers, used word “perichoresis”, or mutual indwelling or interpenetration to refer to the manner in which the three persons of the trinity relate to one another. The individuality of each of the persons is maintained whilst each shares in the life of the other two.

Ultimately, the Trinity is a mystery. By mystery I do not mean a riddle, or something that might be solved by a super sleuth in a detective novel, but rather mystery in the original sense of the word. The trinity is a mystery because the Trinity is a reality above our human comprehension. We will never understand it, but we live with the reality of the Trinity. It is a reality that we experience through scripture, worship, symbol and living out our faith. The theologian Cornelius Plantinga speaks of the Trinity as ‘a zestful, wondrous community of divine light, love, joy, mutuality and verve.’

Over the next four Sundays, in a series entitled ‘Generous God, Generous People’, we will be exploring God’s generosity to us – his grace and abundant provision for us and our call to be generous stewards of all that he has given us. We will be looking at being generous in our interactions with others, with our gifts, skills, time and with our finances. Jesus came that we might ‘have life and have it abundantly.’ (John 10:10b). God has indeed abundantly blessed us with all we have and gathered us together into his family of the church. We are called to share these riches with others and share the hope and peace that can only be found in Jesus Christ. I hope this series is an inspiration and encouragement to you!

Every blessing
Ian
Rector

TEAM NOTES

Today we welcome the **Choir of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Phoenix, Arizona** to St Mary's Church. Welcome to you all! Members will be with us for the 10.30am Choral Eucharist and the choir will be joining St Mary's Choir to sing Choral Evensong this evening, which will be a very special service and include music composed by our own Simon, David and All Saints' Choir Director Tom Peterson.

Generous God Generous People - Today, Trinity Sunday, we will be starting a series across the Team exploring God's heart of generosity and the implications for us, his people. There will be booklets available at the back of church for those who wish to study further alongside the sermon series.

Studland Breakfast for Everyone St Nicholas Church Hall Saturday 6th June from 8.30 – 10.00 am. This "Men's Breakfast" is not just for men: everyone is welcome for this special event.

Studland's Community Coffee Morning - Thursdays at 10am in Studland Church Hall for great coffee and yummy biscuits and cake. . We'd be delighted if you could join us.

Dates for your Diary:

Fabulous Free Family Fun Day – All Saints Church, Friday 12th June, 4-8pm. Free activities for all ages with free tea, cake and hotdogs.

St Mark's Afternoon Concert: Sunday 14th June at 3:30pm. An hour of light music followed by refreshments. FREE entry, retiring collection in aid of Allsort'd Café at the Focus Centre and St Mark's Church Funds.

Dorset County Orchestra Summer Concert – St Mary's Church, Saturday 27th June, 7.30pm. With music from Mendelssohn and Glazunov. Tickets in advance £15 or on the door £17. Please see posters for more details (on display soon).

On Saturday 4 July, St Mary's will host a ***Royal School of Church Music Singing Day for Children and Young People***. Simon Lole will lead the day, which will get children exploring new music and enjoying singing challenges, together with outside activities and ice cream! The day runs from 10.30am to 4pm, and children in School Years 3 to 11 in Purbeck schools can obtain a FREE booking (usually £5) by parents emailing David Fawcett at david.fawcett@rocketmail.com. Do spread the word! Also contact David if you are able to help in any way with administration or supervision on the day.

St Nicholas Church in Studland is part of the Swanage and Studland Team

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