



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
**Family Communion 10.00am**  
**Revd Tony Edmonds**

**A very warm welcome to our  
Family Communion and Baptisms  
Service  
in St Nicholas Church, Studland**

This is a Family Communion Service, and we hope that there will be lots of families with young children in our congregation today. If you are a parent, or a grandparent, please do not worry if children are noisy or want to run around during the service: 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 play!

We are always most grateful for 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 standing order, our bank details are '*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](mailto: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 updates on Church activities, check [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) or follow us on Facebook. (St Nicholas Church Studland).

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# SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

## St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas

### Trinity 1

**Reading for this Sunday:** 1 Timothy 6 v6 - 10

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 6 v19 - 34

<sup>19</sup> 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>22</sup> 'The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; <sup>23</sup> but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! <sup>24</sup> 'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. <sup>25</sup> 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" <sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

#### **Collect**

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust  
in you, mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our  
mortal nature we can do no good thing  
without you, grant us the help of your  
grace, that in the keeping of your  
commandments we may please you both  
in will and deed;  
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**

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

# REFLECTION

## I Timothy 6: 6-10, 17-19, Matthew 6: 19-34

I hope everyone took home their copy of Generous God, Generous People? It has a striking cover of a child offering to share its sweets. Everyone in the Team is sharing this initiative which asks us to spend just a few minutes each day to reflect on our responsibility as stewards of all that God has given us. I confess to not always giving full attention to such invitations, but this one has got me hooked! And so I hope I am not the only one who will reflect on the first week and prepare for week 2, titled Generous People.

In short I would say it is about priorities. The theologian Tom Wright agrees with me! He writes very astutely in his Commentary *Matthew for Everybody*, in chapter 6 of his book.

“This passage is about priorities, and the central priority is God himself. No question about the importance of putting God first. But the catch is that, because God is loving and gentle, and wants to choose to love and serve him freely, rather than than be forced in it like slaves. It often seems to Christians, who have in principle decided to give their lives to him, that there are many things they could do, and often the different things begin to take over, not least when they make money or bring fame. This passage is all about learning to serve God for himself, and in secret, rather than simply having an eye on the main chance, either by showing off by being so religious, or to store up wealth.”

The other issue that presents itself in this is worry. Now if there were an Olympic Games for worriers I would be looking for Gold! This has escalated in my latter years, In earlier life as a family we took risks to prosper our lives and achieve some kind of security, not least of these was asking God if he would have me as one of his priests! This act would demand that much in our lives would change, our priorities would change, but our love and concern for our family would not.

The words of Matthew’s Gospel proved true: “Instead make your top priority God’s kingdom and his way of life, and all things will be given to you as well.”

I think Generous God, Generous People is the way forward.

With every blessing John Cooper.

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# TEAM NOTES

**Studland's Community Coffee Morning Thursday mornings from 10am to 11.15 ish**  
Studland's Village Community Coffee Morning is held in St Nicholas' Church Hall every Thursday, from 10am. There is a really welcoming atmosphere, as well as unlimited coffee (and tea), cake and biscuits. We would love you to join us.

**STOP PRESS - Congratulations to David Fawcett** who is to receive the honorary award of Associate of the Royal School of Church Music. He will be presented with this prestigious award in Salisbury Cathedral at Evensong on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

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

**St Mark's Afternoon Concert:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong** next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Leading this month is Simon Lole, Director of Music here at St Mary's. *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!

## Dates for your Diary:

**Dorset County Orchestra Summer Concert** – St Mary's Church, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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