

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's Sunday 16th November 2025 Safeguarding Sunday



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	Revd Ian Bird
10.30am	CHORAL EUCHARIST	Revds Ian Bird & Jo Levasier
6.30pm	COME & SING EVENSONG	Canon Anthony Clegg

10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional:	4
Gradual:	372
Offertory:	201
Communion:	403
Post Communion:	108
Psalm:	98
Setting:	<i>Sumsion in F / Archer</i>
Motet: Irish Blessing	<i>Chilcott</i>
Voluntary: Te Deum	<i>Langlais</i>

6.30pm Come & Sing Evensong

Introit:	If Ye Love Me	<i>Tallis</i>
Responses:	<i>Ayleward</i>	
Psalm:	97	
Office Hymn:	165	
Canticles:	<i>Stanford in C</i>	
Anthem:	Ave Verum	<i>Byrd</i>
Hymns:	372, 472	

Readings for 8am

Malachi 4:1-2a
Luke 21:5-19

Readings for 6.30pm

Daniel 6
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Readings for 10.30am

Proverbs 31:1-9
Ephesians 5:8-14
Mark 12:28-42

Churchwarden

Avril Harris
Ray Davis

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Visit our Team website www.swanageteam.com

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.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Coming to the 10.30am Sunday service at St Mary's

If you come with children, we have activity packs for them if required - please talk to a Welcomer. Also please don't hesitate to make use of our children's area.

If you find the chancel steps difficult, please ask a Welcomer to arrange communion at your seat. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let a Welcomer know. Everyone is welcome for refreshments after the service.

Donations – All donations by whatever payment method are gratefully received. We have a contactless 'donation station' near the West (main) Door with the facility for Gift Aid.

ST MARY'S DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Daily (Mon– Sat)	8.00am	Morning Prayer – All Welcome
Tuesday 18 th	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Wednesday 19 th	10.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom
	11.00am	Holy Communion in the chapel
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting in All Saints Church
Thursday 20 th	9am-6pm	David Evans recording in church (closed to public)
Friday 21 st	8.30am-5pm	David Evans recording in church (closed to public)
	5.45/6.30pm	Choir practice
	6.30pm	Friday Fun Club in the Rectory Classroom

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 23rd November – Christ the King

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	<i>Revd Dave Richards</i>
10.30am	CHORAL EUCHARIST	<i>Revd John Cooper</i>
6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG	<i>Revd Dave Richards</i>

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS SUNDAY: 16th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

10am Holy Communion *Rev Dave Richards*

Bible Theme: Malachi 4:1-2a 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19

Followed by Coffee & Cake in the Church Room

Gluten/wheat-free: Please talk to the Welcomer if you'd like a gluten-free Communion Wafer. We also have gluten/wheat-free refreshments

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

- **St. Mark's Church & Garden Open** 10am- 4pm, Mon – Sat
- Mon 17th: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall with Citizens Advice, help with technology and Community Pantry
- Mon 17th: **Choir Rehearsal** 6:15pm - 7pm Church Room
- Tue 18th: **St Mark's Junior Singing Club:** Church Room 3:30pm - 4:20pm, for children in School years 3 to 6. FREE
- Tue 18th: **Bible Study and Discussion:** 6:45pm refreshments, the session is 7pm - 8:30pm in the Church Room. Everyone welcome.
- Wed 19th: **Prayer & Share:** 10am - 10:45am Church Room
- Wed 19th: **P.C.C. Meeting:** 7pm at All Saints' Church Hall

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Disciples of Christ, sharing the compassionate and caring love of God with the School and Community of which we are a part.

Invitation to EBC Men's Christmas Curry Party: Monday 24th November at 7pm at Winston Churchill Room, Con Club, 27 Kings Road

West. Clive asks people to contact him early if you'd like to go on 07540 187089 or clive.chance@googlemail.com as the Con Club want to know numbers several days in advance.

Next Celebration Service with St Mark's Band: Sunday 30th November at 10am. This is Advent Sunday.

Swanage Town Band Concert: Wednesday 3rd December at 7:30pm at Swanage Methodist Church. Free, with a collection for charity and Band funds.

St Mark's Christmas Meal: Monday 15th December at the Village Inn, Ulwell, Swanage BH19 3DG at 6:30pm for 7pm.

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 2nd Sunday before Advent: 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Donations for the Work of St Mark's Church are always welcome

There's a plate for cash donations on top of the font and a QR code on a poster on the wall near the font. If you've got the QR App on your mobile phone, you can click on the code, and it goes straight to the donations page. Thank you to everyone for your donations, however they're given.

▶PLEASE let Dave (07779079844) know of anyone who is unwell, in hospital or housebound who would like a visit.



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St Mark's Website: www.achurchnearyou.com/St-Mark-Herston

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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.

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!

For additional information about St Nicholas Church and its services, please contact:
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St Nicholas Church in Studland is part of the Swanage and Studland Team Ministry. Visit our Team website www.swanageteam.com

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16th November 2025 – Safeguarding Sunday

Psalm 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

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TEAM NOTICES

Safeguarding Sunday – TODAY 16th 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, 16th 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 20th and Friday 21st November all day for recording purposes. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

WSLTableTop Sale. 22nd 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 (23rd 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, 30th 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.

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.

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.

The New Parish Website has now launched, the website stays the same - www.swanageteam.com. We are aware the website still requires tweaks, so we are keen to receive any feedback – please email Karon in the Parish Office (swanage.team@btconnect.com)

Team Contact details

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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