

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's

Sunday 8th February 2026

2 before Lent



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

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

10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional: 105 (omit*)
Gradual: 157(i)
Offertory: 180
Communion: 255
Post Communion: 185 (omit*)
Psalm: 136 v. 1-9, 23-end
Setting: Archer/Sumsion Mass
Motet: O Taste and See
Vaughan Williams
Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in
G Minor Buxtehude

6.30pm Come & Sing Evensong

Fairest Lord Jesus: How
Responses: Ayleward
Psalm: 148
Office Hymn: 227
Canticles: Brewer in D
Anthem: For the Beauty of the
Earth Rutter
Hymns: 173, 193(ii)
Voluntary: Nun Danket
Karg Elert

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Genesis 1:1-2:3
Romans 8:18-25
Matthew 6:25-end

Readings for 6.30pm

Proverbs 8:1, 22-31
Revelation 4

Churchwardens

Avril Harris
Ray Davis

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the
earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your
works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
by your gift, the tree of life was set at the
heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your
Church:
may we who have been nourished at your
table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's
cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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.

St Mary's Pastoral Team We have a small team of pastoral visitors at St Mary's. If you or someone you know would like a visit, please contact Rector Ian on 01929 422916.

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 or you can use the QR Code.



ST MARY'S DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Daily (Mon– Sat)	8.00am	Morning Prayer – All Welcome
Tuesday 10 th	10.45am 2.30pm	Visiting bellringers – Quarter Peal All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Wednesday 11 th	10.00am 11.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom Holy Communion in the chapel
Friday 13 th	2.00pm 5.30/6.30pm 6.30pm	Funeral: Joseph Gadston Children/Adults Choir practice Friday Fun Club in the Rectory Classroom

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 15th February – Next before Lent

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	<i>Revd Ian Bird</i>
10.30am	CHORAL EUCHARIST	<i>Canon Jeremy Oakes</i>
6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG	<i>Revd Dave Richards</i>

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS SUNDAY: 8th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

10am Holy Communion Rev Dave Richards

Bible Theme: Genesis 1:1 - 2.3 Romans 8:18-25 Matthew 6:25-34

Followed by Coffee and 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

11:15am Team Teddy Planning Meeting in Church

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

- **CHURCH & GARDEN OPEN** 10am - 4pm Monday - Saturday
- Mon 9th: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall with Citizens' Advice, Digital Dorset, and Community Pantry
- Mon 9th: **St Mark's Choir Practice** 6:15pm – 7pm, Church Room
- Tue 10th: **St Mark's Junior Singing Club** 3:30pm - 4:20pm
- Wed 11th: **Prayer & Share** 10am - 10:45am Church Room
- Wed 11th: **Safeguarding Training** 11am - 12noon – a special session for St Mark's Church Committee members, Church Room

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10am Holy Communion Rev Dr Ian Bird & Rev Dave Richards

Bible Theme: Exodus 24:12-18 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17.1-9

Followed by Coffee and Cake in the Church Room

Lent Course (“The Prayer Course”, based on the Lord’s Prayer): The weekly sessions at St Mark’s start on Tuesday 17th February at 7pm in the Church Room (refreshments from 6:45pm). The course will also run on other days and at different times in other churches in Swanage – see the Team Notes for details. Please sign up on the list on the table by the font.

Ash Wednesday 18th February: Holy Communion at 5:30pm with Rev John Cooper.

The next Celebration Service with St Mark's Band is on Sunday 22nd February at 10am, and afterwards we'll celebrate Anne & Dave Roper's Golden Wedding.

St Mark's Church Sunday Lunch at the Globe: Sunday 1st March after our Morning Service at 12noon. Please sign the list on the table by the font so we can give the Globe an idea of numbers and menu choices. We will pay separately on the day at the Globe. Please feel free to invite anyone you would normally eat with on a Sunday.

World Day of Prayer: Everyone is invited to Emmanuel Baptist Church on Friday 6th March at 10:30am. The Service this year has been prepared by Christians in Nigeria.

COLLECT (SPECIAL PRAYER) FOR THE 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



For the latest St Mark's News check out our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StMarksHerston

St Mark's Church, Herston, is part of the Swanage & Studland Team
www.swanageteam.com

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

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

There is a plate for cash donations on top of the font, and a QR code on a poster on the wall near the door if you prefer to give online. Thank you.



**Sunday 8th February 2026
Holy Communion 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 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. And, if you would prefer to receive communion in your seat, just mention this to the sides person (the person who welcomed you when you came into church).

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 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!

For additional information about St Nicholas Church and its services, please contact:
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SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY
St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas
8th February 2nd Sunday before Lent

Reading for this Sunday is: Romans 8, 18 - 25

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6, 25 - 34

²⁵ '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? ²⁶ 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? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ 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? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Collect:

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you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
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TEAM NOTICES

'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong Today 8th February at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month is Carl Jackson, formerly HM Chapel Royal, Hampton Court. *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!

Not just St Mary's - "Churchwarden's challenge" is for all readers of Team Notes and *Church Alive*. Clue: "Bee" observant to find the answer! "*Where in St Mary's church can you find a beehive with saintly associations?*" Written answers to St Mary's churchwardens, Prosecco or cordial for first correct answer drawn at the Family Eucharist on 1st March.

Lent Groups: In conjunction with other churches in Swanage we will be running a Lent Course, entitled '*The Prayer Course*'. Based on the Lord's Prayer, this excellent 6 week course will enable us to grow and deepen our prayer lives. Courses will be run in churches across Swanage and Studland. The ones being run in the Team and other Swanage Churches are:

St Mary's (St Mary's Rooms)	Mon 16 th Feb	2.00pm
St Mark's Meeting Room	Tues 17 th Feb	7.00pm
Emmanuel Baptist Church	Weds 18 th Feb	6.00pm
St Nicholas Church Hall	Thurs 19 th Feb	11.30am
All Saints	Fri 20 th Feb	4.00pm

Don't worry if you can't make all the group sessions at one particular church, as you will be able to 'mix and match' to your convenience, as each week we will be studying the same themes in each church.

Service of Prayer for Ukraine – Sunday 22 February at 3pm, All Saints Church, Ulwell Rd, followed by tea and Ukrainian cakes. All welcome.

Lent Lunches 2026 Everyone is welcome to join us for delicious soup, rolls and cheese at the following venues during Lent as we raise funds for the invaluable work of Christian Aid in our troubled world. The first three lunches are on :

Friday	27th February	12:00 - 1:30 in the Rectory Classroom
Thursday	5th March	12:00 - 1:30 at All Saints' Church
Friday	13th March	12:00 - 1:30 at St. Mark's Church

You are assured of a warm welcome in good company!

T-Pot is held every Wednesday from 10.00am to 12.30pm in the Rectory Classroom.

All Things Bright and Beautiful - St Mary's Church each Tuesday from 2.30pm – 3.30pm.

Friday Fun Club – meets on Friday evenings 6.30-8pm, during term time, in the Rectory Classroom for school years 4-9 to enjoy food, games and chat.

Funerals in our churches:

Joseph Gadston	Fri 13 Feb	2.00pm	St Mary's
Rosemary Diffey	Mon 16 Feb	12.00pm	St Mark's

REFLECTION

Genesis 1.1 - 2.3 Romans 8.18-25 Matthew 6.25-34

It's the year of Matthew's Gospel, and this week's reading is from one of the highlights of that gospel – **The Sermon on the Mount** – chapters 5,6 and 7 of Matthew. The technical term for this sort of writing is Wisdom literature, (another example would be the Old Testament Book of Proverbs); the purpose is to give practical advice for daily living.

At first sight today's practical teaching might seem rather reckless.

Jesus tells his listeners: "*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?*" His aim, of course is not that we all starve or walk around in rags; it is to encourage us to re-assess our needs and ambitions. He is challenging us to think beyond our material concerns and preoccupations: "*it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and, indeed, your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*"

Jesus does not want us to stop earning a living, or to renounce all the essentials of life. God's people are, however called to have different priorities from the rest of the world, (represented by *the Gentiles* in this passage). Re-thinking our priorities will mean different things to different people. It is too simplistic to say that the last part of a person to be converted is his wallet; (in my case, I am more attached to my car keys!). We are called to bring our whole lives and lifestyles under God's sovereignty, and to offer all that we are, not just all that we have to him, and to seek, with our whole selves, His Kingdom and His guidance for our place in that Kingdom.

Revd Dave Richards

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