

# SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

## St. Mary's

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

### Lent 1



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	Revd Ian Bird
10.30am	CHORAL EUCHARIST (followed by Sunday School for children in St Mary's Rooms)	Revd Ian Bird
6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG	Revd Natalie Davies

#### 10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional:	4
Gradual:	129 (ii)
Offertory:	56
Communion:	274
Post Communion:	123 (ii)
Psalm:	32
Setting:	Aston/Sumsion Mass
Motet:	Ave Verum Pearsall
Eucharistic Prayer:	E, pg 30
Voluntary:	Carillon Vierne

#### 6.30pm Choral Evensong

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Responses:	Ebdon
Psalm:	50 v.1-15
Office Hymn:	64
Canticles:	Purcell in G minor
Anthem:	Lord, Let Me Know Mine End Greene
Hymns:	66, 230

#### Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

#### Readings for 6.30pm

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 16-end  
Luke 15:1-10

#### Churchwardens

Avril Harris  
Ray Davis

#### Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

## Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days  
in the wilderness, and was tempted as we  
are, yet without sin: give us grace to  
discipline ourselves in obedience to your  
Spirit; and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread  
from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is  
the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
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
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1.00pm	Baptism: Karlito & Santino Hartnell
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom
	11.00am	Holy Communion with healing in the chapel
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Funeral: Barrie Green
	5.30/6.30pm	Children/Adults Choir practice
	6.30pm	Friday Fun Club in the Rectory Classroom

## SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> March –Lent 2

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

# WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



**THIS SUNDAY: 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**10am Celebration Service with St Mark's Band**

*Bible Theme: God's Call – Peter (Luke 5:1-11) Rev Dave Richards*

***Followed by drinks and cake in the Church Room for everyone and we'll celebrate Anne & Dave Roper's Golden Wedding***

We have gluten/wheat-free refreshments – please see the special box

**1pm Baptism of Ace Joseph Penny at St Mark's**

**3pm Service of Prayer for Ukraine at All Saints' Church,**  
followed by tea and Ukrainian cakes. All welcome.

## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

- **CHURCH & GARDEN OPEN** 10am - 4pm Monday - Saturday
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall with Citizens' Advice, Digital Dorset, and Community Pantry
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>: **St Mark's Choir Practice** 6:15pm - 7pm, Church Room
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>: **Church Committee Meeting** 7:30pm, Church Room
- Tue 24<sup>th</sup>: **St Mark's Junior Singing Club** 3:30pm - 4:20pm
- Tue 24<sup>th</sup>: **Lent Course at St Mark's (session 2)**: 7pm in the Church Room (refreshments from 6:45pm).
- Tue 24<sup>th</sup>: **Any Questions?** 6:30pm for 7pm at All Saints Church with a presentation by Kevin Burke "All done by Kindness - Magic, Performance and Faith"
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup>: **Prayer & Share** 10am - 10:45am Church Room
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup>: **Lent Lunch**: 12noon - 1:30pm in the Rectory Classroom near St Mary's Church, raising money for Christian Aid

**Thank you to Members of Swanage Churches:** The collection for Christmas gifts for needy children attending local schools raised £1381.37, the cost of gifts was £946.24, the balance of £435.13 is ring-fenced for next year's gifts.

**NEXT SUNDAY: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**10am Holy Communion** *Rev Dave Richards*

*Bible Theme: Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17*

***Followed by Coffee and Cake in the Church Room***

**12noon - St Mark's Church Sunday Lunch at the Globe:**

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 normally eat with on a Sunday.

**Please collect your copy of the Church Alive! Magazine.**

**World Day of Prayer:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 10:30am at Emmanuel Baptist Church. This year's Service has been prepared by Christians in Nigeria.

**St Mark's AGM** is on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March after the 10am Service. The following officers need to be nominated to serve St Mark's for the coming year: 2 Churchwardens, 1 PCC Member, 2 Committee Members, 2 Deanery Synod Members. There is a leaflet with further information. Please consider prayerfully who to nominate. Nomination Forms and further details from Marion Marchant.

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**COLLECT (SPECIAL PRAYER) FOR THE 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT:**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

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**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](https://www.facebook.com/StMarksHerston)

**St Mark's Church, Herston, is part of the Swanage & Studland Team**  
[www.swanageteam.com](http://www.swanageteam.com)

**St Mark's Website:** [www.achurchnearyou.com/St-Mark-Herston](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/St-Mark-Herston)



## **Sunday 22nd 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](mailto: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](http://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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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  
22 February 2026 – First Sunday of Lent**

**Reading for this Sunday is:** Romans 5, 12 – 19

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 4, 1 - 11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' <sup>4</sup> But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",  
and "On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him."

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days  
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Spirit; and, as you know our weakness,  
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through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
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**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread  
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by it you nourish our faith,  
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teach us always to hunger for him who is  
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and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
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# TEAM NOTICES

**Sunday School** (every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the month). All children in school years 4-9 are welcome to join us for our Sunday School following the service this morning in St Mary's Rooms, finishing at 12.30pm. Come for snacks and fun activities!

**Lent Groups:** In conjunction with other churches in Swanage we are 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 have now started and the next meetings are:

St Mary's (St Mary's Rooms)	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	2.00pm
St Mark's Meeting Room	Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.00pm
Emmanuel Baptist Church	Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.00pm
St Nicholas Church Hall	Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.30am
All Saints	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

Friday 27th February	12:00 - 1.30 in the Rectory Classroom
<b>Thursday</b> 5th March	12:00 - 1.30 at All Saints' Church
Friday 13th March	12:00 - 1.30 at St. Mark's Church
Friday 20th March	12:00 - 1.30 at URC Church

You are assured of a warm welcome in good company!

**'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong** Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month is David Ogden, conductor and composer. *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!

**Any Questions?** – Tues day 24<sup>th</sup> February at All Saints Church, Ullwell Rd. Doors open at 6.30pm tea/coffee. Presentation 7.00pm by Kevin Burke – 'All done by kindness – Magic, Performance and Faith'. An intriguing evening awaits! All welcome.

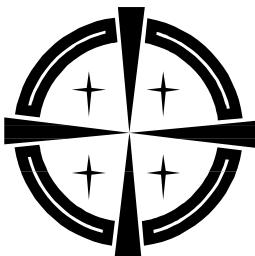
**Parables from Palestine.** Open meeting and talk by The Very Revd Nick Papadopoulos. Tues 10th March, 7.30pm at Sandford School, Wareham, BH20 7BN. Come and hear first hand experiences and perspectives from the Holy Land. Free event. No booking required.

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*Funerals in our churches:*

Barrie Green	Fri 27 Feb	12.00pm	St Mary's
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# REFLECTION



On the wall in my study, I have certain pictures, documents and other items which mean something to me. I have some framed certificates reminding me of the significant stepping stones of my life. I have one or two group photographs of past gatherings with colleagues and friends; and I have the inevitable pictures of loved ones. As I look around the walls, they all transport me to bits of what I am.

I have long cherished a small book I first read whilst at Theological College called *“Becoming What I Am”*. The book is a compilation of short talks given by its author (Fr. Harry Williams) about prayer. I liked the book because it was simple and down to earth, and I have re-read it many times over the years. It talks to me about *where I was...* and not necessarily as if I was already *“there”*. A young ordinand appreciated that kind of approach...and I still do!

Not without humour, the book used the day to day experiences of life - the important and the trivial - to illustrate great truths about the *“spiritual”* that are common to us all. It also had a title that caught my eye! By using the word, *“becoming”* the author pointed to a journey to a future point. But by qualifying it with, *“Becoming...what I am”* we are reminded of the futility of always looking for some distant peak of spirituality to which we shall all doubtless ascend ‘one day’...if we do our homework!

This ought to be the attitude to accompany us into the season of Lent. **Do not** adopt airs and graces about what you ought to be. **Do not** enter it with unrealistic expectations of your own application to rigorous routines. **Do** give yourself one or two simple goals; and **do** come regularly to church to be with God and his other very fallible people. In other words, enter it with *simplicity* and *openness...*and you will not be disappointed at its end. It’s a bit like life really!

Rev Canon Jeremy Oakes

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## Team Contact details

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