SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY
St. Mary's
Sunday 1st March 2026
Lent 2

A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

8.00am	**HOLY COMMUNION (said)**	*Revd Ian Bird*
10.30am	**FAMILY EUCHARIST**	*Revd Ian Bird*
6.30pm	**CHORAL EVENSONG**	*Revd Dave Richards*

10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional: (NHWS) 165(i)
Gradual: (NHWS) 147
Offertory: (NHWS) 66
Communion: (NHWS) 23
Post Communion: (NHWS) 225

Setting: *Nardone* Mass

Motet: Day by Day *How*

Eucharistic Prayer: as per order of service

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in C Minor *J S Bach*

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Drop Slow Tears *Gibbon*
Responses: *Ebdon*
Psalm: 135 v.1-14
Office Hymn: 343
Canticles: Third Service *Moore*
Anthem: Nolo Mortem Peccatoris *Morley*

Hymns: 237, 214 (ii)

Voluntary: Siciliano for High Ceremony *Howells*

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

Readings for 6.30pm

Numbers 2:4-9
Luke 14:27-33

Churchwardens
Avril Harris
Ray Davis

Director of Music
Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
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 3rd Mar	11.30am	Funeral: Dave Barrow
	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Wednesday 4th	10.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom
	11.00am	Holy Communion in the chapel
Friday 6th	9am-4pm	David Evans – recording in church
	5.30/6.30pm	Children/Adults Choir practice
	6.30pm	Friday Fun Club in the Rectory Classroom

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 8th March –Lent 3

8.00am	**HOLY COMMUNION (said)**	*Revd John Cooper*
10.30am	**CHORAL EUCHARIST** followed by St Mary's AGM	*Canon Jeremy Oakes*
6.30pm	**COME & SING EVENSONG**	*Revd Natalie Davies*

WELCOME TO
ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA

THIS SUNDAY: 1st March 2026 - 2nd 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

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

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

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

- **CHURCH & GARDEN OPEN** 10am - 4pm Monday - Saturday
- Mon 2nd: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall with Citizens' Advice, Digital Dorset, and Community Pantry
- Mon 2nd: **St Mark's Choir Practice** 6:15pm - 7pm, Church Room
- Tue 3rd: **St Mark's Junior Singing Club** 3:30pm - 4:20pm
- Tue 3rd: **Lent Course at St Mark's (session 3):** 7pm in the Church Room (refreshments from 6:45pm).
- Wed 4th: **Prayer & Share** 10am - 10:45am Church Room
- Thurs 5th: **Lent Lunch:** 12noon - 1:30pm at All Saints'
- Fri 6th: **World Day of Prayer:** 10:30am at Emmanuel Baptist Church with a Service prepared by Christians in Nigeria – Everyone welcome
- Fri 6th: **Quiz in aid of Greengage Community Garden:** In the Con Club Upper Room, £5 per head, 7:30pm. Teams of up to 6 – if you're interested in joining a St Mark's Team please see Anne Roper.

NEXT SUNDAY: 8th March 2026 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

10am Holy Communion *Rev John Cooper & Rev Dave Richards*
Bible Theme: Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42

Followed by Coffee and Cake in the Church Room

Please collect your copy of Church Alive! Magazine.

Lent Lunch at St Mark's: Friday 13th March 12noon - 1:30pm in the Church Room, raising money for Christian Aid. Please see Anne Roper if you can make some soup and/or help on the day. Thank you.

Mothering Sunday: 15th March. Holy Communion at 10am

St Mark's "Many Hands" Action Day: Saturday 21st March 10am - 1pm. Everyone welcome as we tackle lots of jobs in the church and garden. Please bring your own gloves and any particular tools and cleaning materials you like to use. Mid-morning refreshments provided.

St Mark's AGM is on Sunday 22nd 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.

COLLECT (SPECIAL PRAYER) FOR THE 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT:
Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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

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

Sunday 1st March 2026
Family Communion 10.00am
Revd Tony Edmonds

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

Today is really special because it is Wilfred's baptism. We are delighted to welcome Wilfred, his parents, Chad and Emma Crosby, his sister Delilah – and their family and friends,

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 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 join us - and get to know us all a little better. For regular updates on Church activities, check www.achurchnearyou.com You can also follow us on Facebook. (St Nicholas Church Studland).

For additional information about St Nicholas Church and its services, please contact:
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St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas
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Reading for this Sunday:

Gospel Reading: **John 3:1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by
night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no
one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' 3 Jesus answered him,
'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from
above.' 4 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one
enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' 5 Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell
you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is
born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I
said to you, "You must be born from above." 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you
hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with
everyone who is born of the Spirit.' 9 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things
be?' 10 Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand
these things?
11 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet
you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not
believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into
heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses
lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever
believes in him may have eternal life. 16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only
Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
17 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that
the world might be saved through him.

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TEAM NOTICES

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. The next meetings are:

St Mary's (St Mary's Rooms)	Mon 2nd Mar	2.00pm
St Mark's Meeting Room	Tues 3rd Mar	7.00pm
Emmanuel Baptist Church	Weds 4th Mar	6.00pm
St Nicholas Church Hall	Thurs 5th Mar	11.30am
All Saints	Fri 6th Mar	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.

Thursday 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!

All Saints Free Family Fun Day - Saturday 7th March, 2-5pm. Join us at All Saints Church, Ulwell Rd, Swanage. Activities for all ages with plenty of tea and cake!

St Mary's AGM will be held in church after the 10.30am service on Sunday 8th March.

Annual Revision of Electoral Roll 2026 - This Roll lists those members of the Church aged 16 or over who wish to be on their Parish Church register and thus a voting member of the Church of England at the Annual Parochial church council meeting and for the parish representatives on the deanery synod. To ensure this is kept up to date with any changes of address etc it is revised annually and so you are urged to ensure you are on the Roll by completing the form available in each church which also gives more details.

'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong Sunday, 8th 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!

Funerals/Thanksgiving services in our churches:

Dave Barrow	Tues 3rd March	11.30am	St Mary's
Marian Booth	Thurs 12th March	2.00pm (tbc)	All Saints

REFLECTION

The Second Sunday of Lent
John 3:1-17

Today we have the first of four Sunday readings from John's Gospel during Lent, where Jesus meets a leading figure among the Jewish people, a Pharisee named Nicodemus. Nicodemus who is unknown outside this Gospel appears twice more in John: the second time is at a sort of turning point in the narrative (7:50), where he represents a desire for fairness while arguing with his fellow leaders about Jesus, and finally when he brings spices to Jesus' burial (19:39).

In today's passage there is some tricky theological stuff about being born again, born of water, born of Spirit, born from above which we can unpack another time (!!). But what strikes me about this is it calls to mind baptism. Baptism of course occurs at the beginning of Jesus ministry (Luke 3:21-22), but at the same time we know that Nicodemus will be present at the end of Jesus life when he brings the spices for anointing Jesus' body. In this passage therefore, the beginning and ending of life is held in tension, as it is throughout Lent- we know that we are moving towards Good Friday and Jesus' death on the cross, but also to his resurrection on Easter Day. Lent is about this cycle of death and rebirth, of shedding and letting the things that part us from God die; but it is also about us then taking up that which brings us closer to God, moving towards rebirth, to baptism, to resurrection and to the Good News of Easter that Jesus will rise and come again.

Revd Natalie Davies

Team Contact details

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