

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's Sunday 22nd March 2026 Lent 5 – Passiontide



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

- 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (said) *Revd Dave Richards*
- 10.30am CHORAL EUCHARIST *Canon Antony Clegg*
(followed by Sunday School for children in St Mary's Rooms)
- 6.30pm SERVICE OF READINGS & MUSIC *Revd Natalie Davies*

10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional: 72 (omit*)
Gradual: 97(i)
Offertory: 70 (omit 3 & 5)
Communion: 246(i)
Post Communion: 247(ii)
Psalm: 130

Setting: *Aston/Darke* Mass
Motet: Drop, Slow Tears
Gibbon

Eucharistic Prayer: G, pg 35
Voluntary: 'O Mensch Bewein'
J S Bach

6.30pm Service of Readings & Music

The Lamentation *Bairstow*
Kyrie (4-pt Mass) *Byrd*
Nolo Mortem Peccatoris
Morley
Civitas Sancti Tui *Byrd*

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Readings for 6.30pm

Passiontide Service
(booklet)

Churchwardens

Avril Harris
Ray Davis

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your
Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on
the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory:
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 Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers
and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

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 24 th	2.30pm 7.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service PCC meeting at All Saints Church
Wednesday 25 th	10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom Holy Communion with Healing in the chapel Funeral: Philip Woolston
Thursday 26 th	10-12 6.30pm	PAC set up for concert PAC rehearsal
Friday 27 th	5.30/6.30pm 6.30pm	Children/Adults Choir practice Friday Fun Club in the Rectory Classroom
Saturday 28 th	6.30pm	Purbeck Arts Choir Concert

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 29th March –Palm Sunday

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION (said)**
10.30am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**
6.30pm **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Revd Ian Bird
Revd Ian Bird
Revd Jo Levasier

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS SUNDAY: 22nd March 2026 – 5th Sunday of Lent

10am Holy Communion *Rev Dave Richards*

Bible Theme: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

Followed by Coffee, Cake, and St Mark's AGM

Everyone is welcome to stay for the Church AGM, only people on the Church Electoral Roll are able to vote.

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

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

- **CHURCH & GARDEN OPEN** 10am - 4pm Monday - Saturday
- Mon 23rd: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall
- Mon 23rd: **St Mark's Choir Practice** 6:15pm - 7pm, Church Room
- Tue 24th: **St Mark's Junior Singing Club** 3:30pm - 4:20pm
- Tue 24th: **Lent Course at St Mark's (session 6):** 6:45pm for 7pm
- Tue 24th: **PCC Meeting:** 7pm at All Saints' Church Hall, Ulwell
- Wed 25th: **Prayer & Share** 10am - 10:45am Church Room
- Wed 25th: **St Mark's School Easter Service:** 1:45pm in Church

NEXT SUNDAY: 29th March 2026 – Palm Sunday

N.B. Clocks go forward 1 hour on Saturday night

10am Celebration Service with St Mark's Band

Bible Theme: Matthew 21:1-11 Rev Natalie Davies & Rev Dave Richards

Followed by Coffee & Cake (including gluten-free refreshments)

3pm - 4:30pm Easter Teddy Bear's Picnic at St Mark's Church for children aged 3 – 8 and at least 1 adult. FREE

DIARY DATES

- Monday 30th March** - 6pm Holy Week Meditation and Compline (1) *St Mark's*
- Tuesday 31st March** - 6pm Holy Week Meditation and Compline (2) *St Mark's*
- Wednesday 1st April** - 6pm Holy Week Meditation and Compline (3) *St Mark's*
- Friday 3rd April** - 10am Good Friday "Around the Cross" *St Mark's*
- 11am Follow the Cross from EBC to the Bandstand
for a short service at 11:30am
- Sunday 5th April** - 6:30am Churches Together Sunrise Service on Swanage
beach near the banjo pier
- 10am **Easter Holy Communion** *St Mark's*

Easter Flowers: If you would like to decorate a window for our Easter Celebrations, please sign the list in the porch to show which window. Thank you to people who have already signed up.

Christian Aid Lunch: *Thank you* to everyone who supported our Lent Lunch. We raised a fantastic £262.10 (Plus Gift Aid of £47.50) **A Total of £309.60.**

COLLECT (SPECIAL PRAYER) FOR 5th SUNDAY OF LENT: Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

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'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 want to give online. Thank you to everyone for your donations, however they're given.



**Sunday 22nd March 2026
Holy Communion 10.00am
Revd John Cooper**

**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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St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas
22nd March 2026 – Lent 5

Reading for this Sunday is: Romans 8, 6 - 11

Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

² Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Collect:

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory:
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:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

TEAM NOTICES

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. This year we will all be together for the start of the 10.30 am service in St Mary's and there will not be a procession from the station.

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 last meetings are:

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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Tuesday 21st April, 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Ulwell.

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.

Sunday School (every 2nd and 4th 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!



All Things Bright and Beautiful takes place in St Mary's Church each Tuesday from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. A short service, which includes well known hymns, is followed by tea and cake. All are welcome..

On your own on a Wednesday? Or new to the area and would like to chat to others? **T-Pot is held** every Wednesday from 10.00am to 12.30pm in the Rectory Classroom. Come along for a cuppa and a chat.



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. If you would like to join or need more information please contact Trish Clark at jandtclark@hotmail.com or Tel: 01929 425427.

Funerals/Thanksgiving services in our churches:

Philip Woolston

Weds 25th March

1.00pm

St Mary's

REFLECTION

John 11:1-45

It's the 5th Sunday in Lent, Passion Sunday, the beginning of Passiontide. Things are slowly moving towards Holy Week and Good Friday, and yet we have suddenly jumped to thinking about Resurrection, with the account of the raising of Lazarus.

This event is important, for all sorts of reasons.

The raising of Lazarus demonstrates that Jesus is Lord of all. Not only was he able to raise the dead, he was able to do it after four days – a significant length of time because this was the point, according to Jewish teaching, when the soul finally left the body. Jesus ignores warnings that: “already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days”, (*John 11:39*), and confidently commands that the tomb be opened. Jesus is Lord of life and death!

This event also gives us **an insight into Jesus' awareness of his own mission and destiny.** He declares confidently: “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” (*John 11:25-26*). He knows that he can promise resurrection, that our resurrection will be achieved through his own resurrection, and that death must come before rising.

In John's Gospel, **this is the event which finally pushed** the chief priests and Pharisees to plan to get rid of Jesus (*John 11:46-53*). From this point on, Good Friday was inevitable – this trouble-maker had to go! Jesus knew this, as did his disciples, but headed for Bethany, undeterred.

This story is important for our journey through Passiontide. We are able to share in the triumph of Palm Sunday, the quiet contemplation of Maundy Thursday and the horror of Good Friday with the sure and certain knowledge that we are walking, with Jesus, towards the glorious Easter morning. He is about to fulfil God's plan for the rescue of sinful humanity, and we are given the privilege of seeing that plan worked out.

Revd David Richards

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