

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY



St. Mary's Sunday 12th April 2026 Easter 2



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

- 8.00am** **HOLY COMMUNION (said)** *Revd Dave Richards*
- 10.30am** **CHORAL EUCHARIST** *Canon Jeremy Oakes*
(followed by Sunday School for children in St Mary's Rooms)
- 6.30pm** **CHORAL EVENSONG** *Canon Anthony Clegg*

10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional: 140(i)
Psalm: 16
Gradual: 157
Offertory: 80
Communion: 256
Post Communion: 402

Setting: *Nardone* Mass

Motet: Waking in a Garden
Traditional

Eucharistic Prayer: B, pg 22

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Responses: *Ferial*
Psalm: 30 v.1-5
Office Hymn: 157
Canticles: Set A

Anthem: Now the Green Blade
 Riseth *French*

Hymns: 79, 78 (ii)

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Acts 2:14, 22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-end

Readings for 6.30pm

Daniel 6:6-23
Mark 15:46-16:8

Churchwardens

Avril Harris
Ray Davis

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our
sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of
malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus
Christ 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 our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal
life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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
Mon 13 th -Sat 18 th	9.30am-7pm	Lacock Choral Workshops
Tues 14 th	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 15 th	10.00am 11.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom Holy Communion in the chapel
Friday 17 th	5.30/6.30pm	Children/Adults Choir practice

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 19th April – ~Easter 3

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

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS SUNDAY: 12th April 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

10am Holy Communion

Rev Dave Richards

Bible Theme: Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21 Acts 2:14a, 22-32 John 20:19-31

Followed by Drinks & 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 afterwards

6pm Invitation to Worship @ 6 at Emmanuel Baptist Church

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

- **CHURCH AND GARDEN ARE OPEN** 10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat
- Mon 13th: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall with Citizens' Advice, Digital Dorset and Community Pantry
- Mon 13th: **St Mark's Choir Rehearsal** 6:15pm - 7pm
- Tue 14th: **Junior Singing Club restarts** 3:30pm - 4:20pm in the Church, for children in School Years 3 – 8 (children in School Year 2 are welcome this term if they want to make an early start)
- Tue 14th: **Fortnightly Bible Study restarts**, 7pm - 8:30pm in the Church Room (refreshments from 6:45pm). This week is the final session of the Lent Course on Prayer.
- Wed 15th: **Prayer & Share** 10am - 10:45am in the Church Room

NEXT SUNDAY: 19th April 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

10am Holy Communion

Rev John Cooper & Rev Dave Richards

Bible Theme: Zephaniah 3:14-20 Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Luke 24:13-35

Followed by Drinks & Cake in the Church Room

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

Please take a copy of the April "Church Alive!" Magazine –

St Mark's dates for April are on page 17, and St Mark's Notes are on pages

18 - 20. The magazine is free, but there's an envelope inside this month if you'd like to make a donation towards the cost. Envelopes can be put in the Church Collection plate on top of the font.

St Mark's Day Celebration Service with St Mark's Band:

Sunday 26th April at 10am. A special celebration for both St Mark's Church and School. Please invite friends and neighbours to this special Service, which will be followed by our usual delicious refreshments.

Donations for the work of St Mark's are always welcome: There's a plate for cash donations on top of the font, and a QR code in the front of the yellow service books or on a poster on the wall near the door if you prefer to give online. Thank you to everyone for your donations, however they are given.

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 2nd Sunday of Easter: Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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



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Hallelujah



Sunday 12 April 2026
Holy Communion 10.00am
Revd Tony Edmonds
& Jane Hawksworth

**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.

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: for further further information, 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'
12 April 2026 Easter 2

Reading for this Sunday is: 1 Peter 1, 3 -9

Gospel Reading: John 20, 19 to end

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Collect

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you have given your only Son to die for our
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TEAM NOTICES

A huge thank you to our flower arrangers for decorating St Mary's Church for Easter. The church looks beautiful - thank you

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

St Mark's Day Celebration Service with St Mark's Band: Sunday 26th April at 10am. A special celebration for both St Mark's Church and School. Please invite friends and neighbours to this special Service, which will be followed by our usual delicious refreshments.

We are creating a fresh section in **St Mary's Library** dedicated to our children and young adults. Some new books have arrived, many thanks to a generous sponsor. If you would like to contribute towards other books in this section, please either contact me directly or the Parish Office (and remember that, by using the envelopes, you can Gift Aid your donation making it worth 25% more without additional cost to you)

Paul Baird (Pauldbaird@aol.com)



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 Things Bright and Beautiful is particularly suitable for carers and those for whom they care and is dementia friendly. Is there someone who you could bring along or encourage to come? 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.

Candle Wax for Ukraine - Ukraine still needs our support. Candle wax is being collected from local churches and communities to create cooking candles ("trench candles") and candles for villages without electricity. Please donate candle ends, candle wax, and unwanted candles in the box in St Mary's Church porch, from where it will be taken to a Ukraine support group.

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!

REFLECTION

Jesus gave many signs, each one revealing something of God's truth. Even after the wonder of Easter Day, we are reminded that faith is not always straightforward. The risen Christ stood among his disciples, yet still they struggled to see him and believe. Like Thomas, we may find that hearing the good news is not always enough; we long for something we can grasp, something that makes the resurrection real for us.

How thankful we can be for Thomas, who spoke his doubts aloud and asked for proof. His encounter with the risen Jesus, a week after Easter, meets us in this very moment—reminding us that faith often grows in the space between uncertainty and encounter. Perhaps Jesus welcomed Thomas's questioning because he knew that others, in every generation, would need an honest and searching witness.

And so, in Eastertide, the question turns to us. People around us are still looking for signs that Jesus is alive—perhaps especially in a world shaped by scientific discovery and human achievement such as the Artemis mission. The sign they are given is not only the empty tomb, but the living faith of those who follow Christ.

We become that sign. Through our words, our actions, and the way we live out the hope of the resurrection, we make the risen Christ visible to others. We are the witnesses now—the evangelists, the disciples—called to carry the Easter message into the world. And it is our response to that message, our living faith in the days after Easter, that speaks most clearly of all.

Revd Natalie Davies

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