

# SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

## St. Mary's Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 Easter 6



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION (said)</b>	<i>Revd Natalie Davies</i>
10.30am	<b>CHORAL EUCHARIST</b>	<i>Revd Natalie Davies</i>
6.30pm	<b>COME &amp; SING EVENSONG</b>	<i>Revd Jo Levasier</i>

### 10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional:	180
Gradual:	238
Offertory:	106 (t.185)
Communion:	264
Post Communion:	131
Psalm:	66 v.7-end

Setting: *Archer/Sumsion* Mass

Motet: As Water to the Thirsty  
*Coleman*

Eucharistic Prayer: pg.

Voluntary: Fugue in G Minor  
*J S Bach*

### 6.30pm Come & Sing

#### Evensong

Introit: The Wings of the  
Morning *Jackman*

Responses: *Smith*

Psalm: 87

Office Hymn: 157 (i)

Canticles: *Wood* in E Flat (2)

Anthem: O Lord, the Makere  
*Joubert*

Hymns: 162, 163

### **Readings for 8am & 10.30am**

Acts 17:22-31  
1 Peter 3:13-end  
John 14:15-21

### **Readings for 6.30pm**

Zechariah 8:1-13  
Revelation 21:22-22:5

#### Churchwarden

Avril Harris  
Cliff Sutton

#### Director of Music

Simon Lole

*(please contact via the Parish Office)*

## Collect

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of  
darkness and brought us into the kingdom  
of your Son:  
grant that, as by his death he has recalled  
us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may  
raise us to eternal joy;  
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

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of  
eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, 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.



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## ST MARY'S DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Daily (Mon– Sat)	8.00am	Morning Prayer – All Welcome
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 11.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom Holy Communion in the chapel
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm 5.30/6.30pm	Funeral: Patricia Norman Children/Adults Choir practice
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	12.30-4.30pm 7.30pm	Set up and rehearsal for evening concert Belvedere Singers Spring Concert
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Baptism: Madison Wells

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## SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> May – ~Sunday after Ascension

8.00am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION (said)</b>	<i>Revd Ian Bird</i>
10.30am	<b>CHORAL EUCHARIST</b> (followed by Sunday School for children in St Mary's Rooms)	<i>Canon Jeremy Oakes</i>
6.30pm	<b>CHORAL EVENSONG</b>	<i>Revd Ian Bird</i>

# WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



## THIS SUNDAY: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**10am Holy Communion**     *Rev Tony Higgins*

*Bible Theme: Genesis 8:20 - 9:17   Acts 17:22-31   John 14:15-21*

***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*

## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK: Christian Aid Week

- **CHURCH & GARDEN OPEN** 10am - 4pm, Monday - Saturday
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup>: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup>: **St Mark's Choir Practice** 6:15pm - 7pm Church Room
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup>: **Invitation to EBC Men's Chinese Night**, 7pm at the Kings Arms Langton. With a Guest Speaker talking about the most amazing coincidences to emerge from the 2nd World War. Please let Clive know if you would like to go on 07540187089 or [clive.chance@googlemail.com](mailto:clive.chance@googlemail.com)
- Tue 12<sup>th</sup>: **NO Junior Singing Club this week**
- Tue 12<sup>th</sup>: **NO Bible Study this week**
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup>: **Prayer & Share** 10am - 10:45am in the Church Room
- Thur 14<sup>th</sup>: **Ascension Day Service** at St Mary's Church at 7:30pm
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup>: **Swanage Town Band Spring Concert**: Swanage Methodist Church at 7pm. Free, with a collection for Band funds.
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup>: **Belvedere Singers' Spring Concert**: St Mary's Church, Tickets £10 from Pearl or on the door.

**Christian Aid Week 10<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May:** There are some envelopes in Church this Sunday and during this week if people want to make a donation, and special refreshments after the Service on 17<sup>th</sup> May, with donations for Christian Aid. Thanks to Anne Roper for organizing this.

**NEXT SUNDAY: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**10am Holy Communion**     *Rev Jo Levasier*

*Bible Theme: Ezekiel 36:24 - 28    Acts 1:6-14    John 17:1-11*

***Followed by Drinks, snacks & and lots of Cake in the Church Room, with donations for Christian Aid***

**Please take a copy of the May “Church Alive!” Magazine.**

**PCC:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the new Parochial Church Council, following the Parish Annual Meeting, is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm at All Saints’ Church, Ulwell BH19 1LL.

**Any Questions – Science and God, Friends or Foes?** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm (refreshments from 6:30pm) at All Saints Church, Ulwell BH19 1LL. The speaker is Professor Andrew Halestrap, Emeritus Professor of Biochemistry, Bristol, and Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences. Andrew is passionate about helping see how Science is a friend of the Christian faith and not an enemy.

**The next Celebration Service with St Mark’s Band** is on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 10am, which is Pentecost. Everyone is welcome. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday rather than the 5<sup>th</sup> – a change from the original schedule.

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**COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter:** God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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**[www.swanageteam.com](http://www.swanageteam.com)**



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**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**Morning Prayer 10.00am**  
**Jane Hawksworth**

**A very warm welcome to our service this morning in St Nicholas Church, Studland**

And a special welcome if you are new to our church or are visiting the area!

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 are always most appreciative of donations to help maintain both the Church here in Studland, and its ministry. If you would like to make a gift, we have a traditional plate for cash donations with Gift Aid envelopes available, as well as a contactless card payment station at the exit to the Church. If you would like to make a donation directly from your bank account or set up a regular donation by Standing Order, the Church's bank account is 'PCC of Studland, sort code 55-61-19, account number 69056935'. If you have any queries or questions, 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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**SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY**  
**St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas'**  
**Easter 6**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading for this Sunday: Acts 17, 22 - 31**

**Gospel Reading: 14, 15 - 21**

**Psalm 66, 7 - 18**

<sup>7</sup> He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations—let not the rebellious rise up against him. <sup>8</sup> Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; <sup>9</sup> he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping. <sup>10</sup> For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver. <sup>11</sup> You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. <sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance. <sup>13</sup> I will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfil my vows to you—<sup>14</sup> vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble. <sup>15</sup> I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams; I will offer bulls and goats. <sup>16</sup> Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me. <sup>17</sup> I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue. <sup>18</sup> If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

**Collect:**

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you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant that, as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;  
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# TEAM NOTICES

**'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong** today, 10<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month is Jeremy Jackman, Conductor and ex-King's Singer. *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!

**Christian Aid Week 10th - 16th May.** There will be a coffee morning and cake sale (in the Rectory Classroom) on 16th May between 10 - 12 noon. This is supported by churches in Swanage so we do hope you will find time to come and meet people. On 10th May at 10:30 there will be a service at the Methodist Church highlighting the work of Christian Aid.

**Ascension Day** services will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at St Nicholas, Studland, 6.30am, followed by breakfast in the Church Hall and at St Mary's. 7.30pm.

**Studland's Community Coffee Morning** - Thursdays at 10am in Studland Church Hall, for great coffee and yummy biscuits and cake. . We'd be delighted if you could join us.

**Date for your diary 17<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm, St Nicholas Church, Studland.** A special service From Soil to Sky, a Celtic Service of Worship. Everyone is welcome!



**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..

**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](mailto:jandtclark@hotmail.com) or Tel: 01929 425427

**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!

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*Funerals in our churches this week:*

**Patricia Norman**

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May

12.00pm

St Mary's

# REFLECTION

Acts 17:22-31    1 Peter 3:13-end    John 14:15-21

John's 'farewell discourse' contains Jesus's teaching about 'another *paraclete*'. This *paraclete* (?comforter/legal advocate/advisor) is mysterious: he *will be sent*, but already *dwells within you*; is distinct from Jesus, and yet seems to be the fulfilment of Jesus's promise 'I will come to you'. In that day, says Jesus, *you will know* that there is an intimate union between Father, Son and those who love the Son. -They (and you) live in love – and life and love are one and the same thing.

Paul speaks confidently about this to the Athenians because this promise was known to him and every Jew who read the prophecies of Isaiah and Ezekiel. It was the hope not just of a reconstructed Temple but of a society where God's loving laws would be as universal and natural as breathing.

Karl Rahner often commented about the future of Christian faith: 'The Christian of the future will be a mystic or he (*sic*) will not exist at all.' Don't confuse 'mystic' with 'misty'. Rahner – and the Bible – couldn't be more precise. We seek a direct, personal experience of God rather than religiosity. Religion's value is only as great as its ability to hold open a space for the Spirit to dwell within us. The *shekinah*/presence of God which was purged from the Temple will return, and this time, she will flood the earth, filling all people with the interior knowledge and love of God. This is contrasted by Ezekiel with a Torah set literally and metaphorically in stone (*Ezekiel 37*). Rahner also talked about 'anonymous Christians' – those whose lives embody God's life whatever their religious affiliation.

Dionysius and Damaris are venerated as saints in the East, and Dionysius is beginning to be savoured again in the West – this Dionysius or, as many argue, a later writer known as 'Pseudo-Dionysius'. His writings reveal ways in which we experience God beyond words and concepts (*apophatic* theology). They inspired a mystical tradition of spirituality that included the 14th-century English author of *The Cloud of Unknowing*.

Look out! Ascension and Pentecost articulate for us the sometimes paradoxical, wordless experience of faith – presence and absence. Knowing and unknowing. Stories and explanations, but also the hidden power of the Gospels' mystery. Ascension and Pentecost assure us that, although we live, move and have our being in a material world, our capacity for life and love is God living within us. Look within!

*Revd Terence Handley MacMath*

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## Team Contact details

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