

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's Sunday 17th May 2026 Sunday after Ascension



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

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| 8.00am | HOLY COMMUNION (said) | Revd Ian Bird |
| 10.30am | CHORAL EUCHARIST | Canon Jeremy Oakes |
| 6.30pm | CHORAL EVENSONG | Revd Ian Bird |

10.30am – Choral Eucharist

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| Processional: | 262 |
| Gradual: | 144 |
| Offertory: | 141 |
| Communion: | 265 |
| Post Communion: | 87(i) |
| Psalm: | 68 v.1-10 |

Setting: *Halls/Darke* Mass

Motet: Lord for Thy Tender Mercy
Farrant

Eucharistic Prayer: B pg. 22

Voluntary: Grand Choeur in D
Guilmant

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Introit: Thy Perfect Love
Rutter

Responses: *Radcliffe*

Psalm: 47

Office Hymn: 143

Canticles: *Noble* in b minor

Anthem: The Lord's my
Shepherd *Goodall*

Hymns: 86, 144

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Acts 1:6-14

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

Churchwarden

Avril Harris

Cliff Sutton

Readings for 6.30pm

2 Samuel 23:1-5

Ephesians 1:15-end

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

O God the king of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus
Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in
heaven:

we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place

where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ
has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,

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

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| Daily (Mon– Sat) | 8.00am | Morning Prayer – All Welcome |
| Tues 19 th | 2.30pm | All Things Bright & Beautiful service |
| Weds 20 th | 10.00am | T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion in the chapel |
| Fri 22 nd | 5.30/6.30pm | Children/Adults Choir practice |

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 24th May – Pentecost

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| 8.00am | HOLY COMMUNION (said) | <i>Revd Ian Bird</i> |
| 10.30am | CHORAL EUCHARIST | <i>Revds Ian Bird & Natalie Davies</i> |
| 6.30pm | CHORAL EVENSONG | <i>Revd Jo Levaizer</i> |

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS SUNDAY: 17th May 2026 – 7th 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 & Cakes in the Church Room, with donations for Christian Aid

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

- **CHURCH & GARDEN OPEN** 10am - 4pm, Monday - Saturday
- Mon 18th: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall
- Mon 18th: **St Mark's Choir Practice** 6:15pm - 7pm Church Room
- Tue 19th: **NO Junior Singing Club this week**
- Tue 19th: **NO Bible Study this week**
- Wed 20th: **NO Prayer & Share this week**
- Wed 20th: **PCC Meeting** at All Saints' Church Hall at 7pm
- Thurs 21st: **Any Questions – Science and God, Friends or Foes?** at 7pm (refreshments from 6:30pm) at All Saints Church. The speaker is Professor Andrew Halestrap, Emeritus Professor of Biochemistry, Bristol, and Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences.
- Sat 23rd: **Swanage Town Band at the Bandstand:** 2:30pm. This concert is part of the Pirate Festival.

NEXT SUNDAY: 24th May 2026 – Pentecost

10am Celebration Service with St Mark's Band

Bible Theme: When the Spirit comes (Acts 2:1-21) Rev Dave Richards

Followed by Drinks & Cake in the Church Room

Pilgrimage: The Exhibition You are invited to this powerful exhibition, sharing in a personal pilgrimage from brokenness to healing, through artworks crafted along the way. Saturday 23rd May 10am - 6pm, Sunday 24th May 12:30pm - 6pm at Emmanuel Baptist Church (last admission an hour before close).

The Next Fortnightly Bible Study is on Tuesday 26th May at 7pm. The leader is John Way.

Trinity Sunday 31st May: Holy Communion at 10am and start of a 4-week series in all churches in the Parish – Generous God, Generous People, Generous Giving, Generous Service.

St Mark's Afternoon Concert: Sunday 14th June at 3:30pm. An hour of light music followed by refreshments. FREE entry, retiring collection in aid of Allsort'd Café at the Focus Centre and St Mark's Church Funds.

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 7th Sunday of Easter: O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



For the latest St Mark's News check out our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StMarksHerston

Donations for the work of St Mark's are always welcome:

There is a plate for cash donations on top of the font, and a QR code on the front page of the service book 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.



Sunday 17 May 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.

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 is 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.

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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SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY
St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas'
17 May 2026 - Easter 7

Reading for this Sunday is: Acts 1, 6 - 14

Gospel Reading: John 17:1–11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,'² since you have given him authority over all people,³ to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Collect

O God the king of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus
Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in
heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place
 where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

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TEAM NOTICES

TODAY - 17th May at 6.30pm, St Nicholas Church, Studland. A special service From Soil to Sky, a Celtic Service of Worship. Everyone is welcome!

Studland's Community Coffee Morning - Down on the Farm. Thursdays at 10am, the Manor Farm Tea Rooms. The Community Coffee group has moved to Manor Farm for the summer season. Same fun. Same great conversation. Lovely coffee and excellent scones! See you there!



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 or Tel: 01929 425427

Friday Fun Club leaders needed

We are in need of some more leaders to run this very popular and successful youth group at St Mary's. The Club takes place on Friday evenings 6.30-8pm. You do not need to come every week as we work a rota around everyone's availability. Roles include leading activities, games, reflections and prayers, or cooking pizzas and looking after the refreshments. If you think you can help, please speak to Revds Natalie or Ian.

Dates for your Diary:

Fabulous Free Family Fun Day – All Saints Church, Friday 12th June, 4-8pm. Free activities for all ages with free tea, cake and hotdogs.

St Mark's Afternoon Concert: Sunday 14th June at 3:30pm. An hour of light music followed by refreshments. FREE entry, retiring collection in aid of Allsort'd Café at the Focus Centre and St Mark's Church Funds.

Dorset County Orchestra Summer Concert – St Mary's Church, Saturday 27th June, 7.30pm. With music from Mendelssohn and Glazunov. Tickets in advance £15 or on the door £17. Please see posters for more details (on display soon).

REFLECTION

“Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”

As we emerge from the liturgical celebration of Easter in Church, how might we ‘sally forth’...to do justice to the enormity of the message we ask others to believe?

In my first parish in Leicester nearly 50 years ago, we had a wonderfully inspiring Sunday School Superintendent called Katherine Grigson. I always remember her saying that “children remember 20% of what they read...50% of what they see...and 90% of what they do.” As a result, her lessons in the basics of Christian life were always fun; and the children loved her. Though she could be stern, the children probably learnt more by her manner and obvious integrity than anything else. In other words, her faith was infectious.

Katherine was one of those quietly confident Christian souls who radiated her faith by being what she was: a caring and thoughtful person who always sought a Christian way through the day’s encounters with others. Our geographical parish housed the Midlands’ centre of Mormonism; and our parishioners were always being visited by pairs of brave young American men seeking converts to their faith. Katherine’s response was to accept their invitation to visit them...if they would come to Parish Evensong in return...as some did! I never heard her speak ill of anyone; and she was immensely tolerant of other people’s idiosyncrasies...not to mention those of the succession of green curates that passed through the parish! I was one of many who will never forget her; though she would be amazed to hear it. (She also gave me a bottle of sherry every Christmas!)

Katherine’s unassuming daily witness was founded upon several “rules” that revolved around regular Bible reading, daily prayer and a total commitment to church on Sundays. She wasn’t manifestly pious, and she never “preached”; but she probably knew more than most of us put together.

Canon Jeremy Oakes

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