

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's Sunday 5th July 2026 Trinity 5



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

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

10.30am – Family Eucharist

Processional:	124 (NHWS)
Gradual:	135 (NHWS)
Offertory:	147 (NHWS)
Communion:	238 (NHWS)
Post Communion:	179 (NHWS)

Setting: *Halls*

Motet: Prayer of St Richard
L'Estrange

Eucharistic Prayer: as per order of service

Voluntary: Toccata on 'Lasst uns
Erfreuen' *Choveaux*

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Introit: View Me Lord	<i>Lloyd</i>
Responses:	<i>Sumsion</i>
Psalm:	56
Office Hymn:	157 (i)
Canticles:	<i>Gloucester Service</i> <i>Howells</i>

Anthem: Evening Hymn
Balfour Gardiner

Hymns: 209, 133

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end

Readings for 6.30pm

2 Samuel 2:1-11; 3:1
Luke 18:31-19:10

Churchwarden

Avril Harris
Cliff Sutton

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the
Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your
faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour 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

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so
peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you
in all godly quietness;
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
Tues 7 th	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 8 th	10.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom
	11.00am	Holy Communion in the chapel
Thurs 9 th	11.00am	Carnival training in church
Fri 10 th	5.30/6.30pm	Children/Adults Choir practice

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 12th July – Trinity 6

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	<i>Revd Ian Bird</i>
10.30am	CHORAL EUCHARIST	<i>Revd Ian Bird</i>
6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG	<i>Revd Natalie Davies & Chris Campbell</i>

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS SUNDAY: 5th July 2026 – Trinity 5

10am Holy Communion *Rev Dave Richards*

Bible Theme: Genesis 24:34-38,42-49 Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

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 afterwards

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

- **CHURCH & GARDEN OPEN** 10am - 4pm, Monday - Saturday, apart from Friday morning when children from the school are visiting
- Mon 6th: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall with Citizens' Advice, Digital Dorset and the Community Pantry
- Mon 6th: **St Mark's Choir Rehearsal** 6:15 - 7pm Church Room
- Mon 6th: **Carnival Tent Training** 7:30pm at St Mark's
- Tue 7th: **Junior Singing Club** 3:30pm - 4:20pm Church Room
- Tue 7th: **Fortnightly Bible Study** 7pm - 8:30pm Church Room, refreshments from 6:45pm. The leader this week is Liz Fielder.
- Tue 7th: **The next Deanery Synod is Open to Everyone.** There is a presentation by Purbeck Village Quire on West Gallery music – music in village churches in Dorset before Church Organs and Hymns A&M were introduced. The event is FREE and it's at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis BH20 7HQ at 7:30pm (refreshments from 7pm).
- Wed 8th: **Prayer & Share** 10am - 10:45am in the Church Room
- Wed 8th: **Swanage Town Band Concert** 7:30pm at the Bandstand (at the Methodist Church if wet). Free with Charity Collection.
- Thurs 9th: **Carnival Tent Training** 11am at St Mary's
- Thurs 9th: **PCC Meeting** at All Saints' Hall at 7pm
- Fri 10th: **Visit to Church** by Puffins Class from St Mark's School

NEXT SUNDAY: 12th July 2026 – Trinity 6

10am Holy Communion *Rev Natalie & Rev Dave*

Bible Theme: Genesis 25:19-34 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Followed by Coffee and Cake in the Church Room

Rev Natalie's Farewell: Rev Natalie is doing a Farewell Tour of Churches in the Team before she heads to St George's Chapel in Windsor. She will come to St Mark's Church on Sunday 12th July at 10am. The "Big" Farewell is on Sunday 9th August at 6:30pm at St Mary's Church. Natalie will be licensed in Windsor on 1st September.

Churches Together at Swanage Carnival: If members of St Mark's are able to do a Session helping in the Churches Together Carnival Tent during Carnival Week, please see Dave for an Application Form. Dave will need to give you a reference and you'll need to attend a briefing session. There are 2 briefing sessions this week or you can attend on Wednesday 15th July at 4pm at All Saints'. There will also be an opportunity to join in the Churches Together walking entry in the Carnival procession – details soon. Churches Together Carnival Praise is on Sunday 26th July at 10:30am in the main carnival marquee on Sandpit field. *No Service at St Mark's on 26th July.*

Pimm's and Hymns: Sunday 19th July at 3:30pm at St Mark's. Enjoy afternoon tea with a glass of Pimm's (non-alcoholic version available) and sing some of your favourite hymns. If you'd like to choose a hymn please see Dave to collect a form. Admission Free – Collection for Christian Aid Venezuela Earthquake Appeal and St Mark's Church.

Consultation on the merger of St George's and St Mark's Schools:

The consultation has been cancelled. Thanks to everyone who took part. There are no plans to revisit the consultation at the present time

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 5th Sunday after Trinity: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sunday 5th July 2026 10am
Family Communion and Baptism
Revd Tony Edmonds

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

Today we are delighted to welcome James Hewitson who will be baptised today - and his family and friends, too, of course.

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 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.

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) – 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
5th July Trinity 5

Reading for this Sunday: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16–19 and 25-end

¹⁶ 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, ¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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TEAM NOTICES

Meet People from Other Churches in Purbeck Deanery: The next Deanery Synod is open to everyone on Tuesday 7th July. There will be a presentation by Purbeck Village Quire on West Gallery music – the music in village churches in Dorset before Church Organs and Hymns A&M were introduced. The event is at Bere Regis Church at 7:30pm (refreshments from 7pm). Everyone welcome.

Venezuela - Christian Aid Appeal - In response to the devastation caused by the earthquakes, we are being asked to donate via the Emergency Appeal Collection Envelopes in church, or via the following link: [Donate to the Venezuela Earthquake Appeal - Christian Aid](#)

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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.

'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong next Sunday, 12th July at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month is Dr Peter Nardone, formerly Chelmsford and Worcester Cathedrals. *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!

Dates for your Diary:

Goodbye to Revd Natalie - Revd Natalie's last Sunday before she leaves for her new role as Succentor, St George's Chapel Windsor Castle and Chaplain, St George's School, will be 9th August. Hers and Joseph's final service with us will be Choral Evensong at St Mary's at 6.30pm followed by refreshments. She will also be presiding at 8am and 10.30am. Natalie will be working around the other churches in our team to take final services as follows- St Mark's at 10am on 12th July, All Saints at 8am & 10.30am on 19th July, and St Nicholas' Studland at 10am on 2nd August.

Natalie's installation in St George's Chapel will take place at Evensong at 5.15pm on 1st September. All are welcome. Parking is available in the town centre car parks. Please arrive to King Henry VIII gate by 5pm, the police officers on duty will let you know when the Chapel doors have opened (seating in the Quire is limited so early arrival is recommended to give the best chance of a view- the screen between Quire and Nave is annoyingly solid!).

REFLECTION

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

I wonder how many of you will find the end of today's gospel reading resonates with your own experience. Have you ever felt weary from carrying around the weight of the responsibilities you hold, or the weight of worries and anxiety, the weight of grief, of pain, of disappointment, or of the pain and problems of others? I suspect for all of us, the answer is yes. It is an unfortunate fact of being human that at some point or other, circumstances will conspire to make us feel like we are carrying the weight of the world on our shoulders.

But at the end of our Gospel reading, Jesus offers us a deeply compassionate invitation: *"Come to me... and I will give you rest."* In a world marked by anxiety, stress, and the relentless pressure of our own expectations, Christ invites us into a different way of living. He offers not simply physical rest, but the deep, soul-refreshing peace that comes from entrusting our burdens to him. It is an invitation to lay down our worries, our endless striving, and the harsh judgements we place upon ourselves and others.

Jesus goes on to invite us to take his yoke upon us and learn from him, for he is gentle and humble in heart. Jesus' yoke is one of grace, bringing freedom, joy, and restoration. It is not a burden imposed from a distance or enforced through fear and harshness. Rather, it is a shared yoke, with Jesus walking alongside us, teaching us step by step how to live with gentleness, humility, and love.

In a culture that constantly tells us we must achieve more, prove our worth, and have all the answers, this invitation is wonderfully liberating. Jesus reminds us that we were never meant to carry life's burdens alone. Instead, we are invited to walk with him, drawing on his strength rather than our own, and discovering in his grace the rest our souls truly long for.

Revd Natalie Davies

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