

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's Sunday 19th July 2026 Trinity 7



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

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

10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional: 146 (omit*)
Gradual: 471
Offertory: 199
Communion: 261
Post Communion: 148 (omit*)
Psalm: 139 v.1-11
Setting: *Archer/Darke* Mass
Motet: God be in my Head
Wilbye
Eucharistic Prayer: B, pg 22

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Introit: Day by Day *How*
Responses: *Sumsion*
Psalm: 67
Office Hymn: 394 (t.395)
Canticles: *Moeran* in D
Anthem: Be Thou My Vision
Chilcott
Hymns: 151, 415

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Genesis 28:10-19a
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Readings for 6.30pm

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:16-end
Acts 4:1-22

Churchwarden

Avril Harris
Cliff Sutton

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the
same;
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 God, whose Son is the true vine and
the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made
perfect in his love;
for he 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.



ST MARY'S DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Daily (Mon– Sat)	8.00am	Morning Prayer – All Welcome
Tues 21 st	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 22 nd	10.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom
	11.00am	Holy Communion with Healing in the chapel
Fri 24 th	5.30/6.30pm	Children/Adults Choir practice

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 26th July – Trinity 8

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

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS SUNDAY: 19th July 2026 – Trinity 7

10am Holy Communion *Rev Dave Richards*

Bible Theme: Genesis 28:10-19a Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43

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

Pimm's and Hymns: 3:30pm at St Mark's Church. Enjoy afternoon tea with a glass of Pimm's (non-alcoholic version available) and sing some of your favourite hymns. Admission: *FREE – Collection for Christian Aid Venezuela Earthquake Appeal and St Mark's Church.*

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

- **CHURCH & GARDEN OPEN** 10am - 4pm Monday - Saturday
- Mon 20th: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall with Citizens' Advice, Digital Dorset and the Community Pantry
- Mon 20th: **St Mark's Choir Rehearsal** 6:15 - 7pm Church Room
- Tue 21st: **NO Junior Singing Club:** End of Term. We restart on 8th September 3:30pm - 4:20pm, for children in School years 3 - 8
- Tue 21st: **Consultation on the draft Swanage Neighbourhood Plan:** Drop in between 2pm - 6pm at EBC, 160 Victoria Avenue.
- Wed 22nd: **Prayer & Share** 10am - 10:45am in the Church Room.

NEXT SUNDAY: 26th July 2026 – Trinity 8

10:30am Carnival Praise in the main marquee on Sandpit Field – If you're able to bring your own folding chair, it will be helpful. **NO** Service at St Mark's Church today.

Sunday 26th July, 2pm – about 5pm: Carnival Procession –

If you want to take part in the Churches' walking entry in the Carnival Procession, please turn up at the Church Tent on the Carnival field at 2pm. If possible, please wear a cowboy hat and a check shirt. Please bring water and sun cream, and further instructions will be given. Please be aware it is very tiring!

Thanks:

- * To Anne Roper for cleaning and painting the Church noticeboard
- * To everyone involved in any way with our Pimm's and Hymns event – the music, choice of hymns, and also preparing the afternoon tea and Pimm's.
- * Thanks to people who donated items for Ukraine.
- * Thanks to St Mark's members who have volunteered to help at the Churches Together Tent on the Carnival field.

St Mark's Church BBQ: Sunday 2nd August. The Morning Service starts at **11am** and it's followed by the Church BBQ. To book your place please sign the list on the table by the font. Family and friends are welcome. Veggie and gluten-free options available. Please sign the 2nd sheet if you can provide a salad or a pudding. Drinks provided.

Rev Natalie's Farewell: 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. People from Swanage are welcome to attend – there are details of the Service in the Church Alive! magazine.

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 7th Sunday after Trinity: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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: Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever.

St Mark's Church, Herston, is part of the Swanage & Studland Team
www.swanageteam.com



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Sunday 19th July 2026
Morning Prayer 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 new to our church or are visiting the area!

We are always delighted to welcome children to our church. Please do not worry if they are noisy or need to run around, we are just delighted to have you all 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 normally have a special Family Communion on the first Sunday of each month – and would love to see you again then.

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 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!

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St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas'
19 July 2026 – Trinity 7

1st Reading: **Genesis 28 v10-19a**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13 v24-30 and v36-43

Psalms 139 v1-11 and v23-24 (read by the congregation)

¹O Lord, you have searched me and known me. ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. ³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. ⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? ⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. ⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, ¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. ¹¹If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night', ²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. ²⁴See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting

Collect:

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

TEAM NOTICES

Pimm's and Hymns: Today, 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.

Carnival Praise: **NEXT** Sunday 26th July, 10.30am in the main carnival marquee on Sandpit field. All welcome to join us, but please bring a chair! We are walking in the Carnival parade on 26th July too. For more information contact Ian. The Churches Together tent will be in Sandpit field from Sat 25th July-Sat 1st August. Drop in and see us!

There will be no 10am/10.30am services at St Mark's and All Saints, but there will be a 10.30am service at St Mary's for those who wish to attend church.

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](#)



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.

T-Pot is held every Wednesday from 10.00am to 12.30pm in the Rectory Classroom. Come along for a cuppa and a chat,

we'd love to see you.



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.

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 13: 24-30, 36-43

Welcome to the season of Parables: the whole of chapter 13 of Matthew's Parables, together with some explanation from Jesus is devoted to this subject. It is a major teaching experience for the disciples. They listen to the parable of the sower, and ask Jesus to explain why he uses these stories to talk to the people. He flatters them by saying that while they understand the secrets of the Kingdom of heaven, these ordinary people don't. He continues with the parable of the weeds, of the mustard seed and of the yeast just to mention a few!

Clearly they are not as smart as they appear because they ask Jesus to explain the meaning of the Parable of the weeds in detail. Obviously there is more understanding required before they would feel confident in explaining them to others?

How might we set about understanding such things and relating them to our own lives and circumstances? As is so often the case I turn to Tom Wright's commentary: *Matthew for everyone*. (I know that there is a copy in St Mary's Library.

If you like he creates the Parable of the Maze to which I immediately related. We took our family once to a really intimidating maze. We were given a map but told only to use it in a real emergency! So.....I was lost! It was an emergency, I was hungry and needed the loo, so out came the map. First I had to find where I was and then how to get out.

Tom suggests that many of Jesus' parables are like mazes, they are designed to make us think for ourselves, the map is Jesus, and with him we will find our way to the centre. Mazes have many opportunities to go wrong and only one way to go right. This might not seem helpful to us, surely Jesus would make it more simple than that?

The reality is that he doesn't make it easy because we have to be committed, but he doesn't make it impossible either. He wants us to be prepared and there is no time scale, he and we will know when the time is right.

The Parable of the weeds is a preparation for life with Jesus, a walk in his Maze. Make sure you look after your map.

Amen

With blessings, John Cooper

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