

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's Sunday 26th July 2026 Trinity 8



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

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

10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional: 2
Gradual: 97(i)
Offertory: 391
Communion: 256
Post Communion: 172 (omit *)
Psalm: 128

Setting: *Aston/Sumsion* Mass
Motet: Ave Verum *Mozart*
Eucharistic , pg

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Responses: *Sumsion*
Psalm: 75
Office Hymn: 113
Canticles: *Brewer* in D

Anthem: Let Thy Merciful Ears
Mudd

Hymns: 162, 224

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Genesis 29:15-28
Romans 8:26-end
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Readings for 6.30pm

1 Kings 6:11-14, 23-end
Acts 12:1-17

Churchwarden

Avril Harris
Cliff Sutton

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and
govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
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

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens
of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you 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 28 th	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 29 th	10.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom
	11.00am	Holy Communion in the chapel

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 2nd August – Trinity 9

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

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS SUNDAY: 26th July 2026 – Trinity 8

10:30am Carnival Praise in the main marquee on Sandpit Field. **NO** Service at St Mark's Church today.

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.

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

- **CHURCH & GARDEN OPEN** 10am - 4pm Monday - Saturday
- Mon 27th: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall with Citizens' Advice, Digital Dorset and the Community Pantry
- Mon 27th: **NO St Mark's Choir Rehearsal** for the Summer holiday. Instead, we'll have a quick run-through the music before the Morning Service each Sunday. The next full practice will be on 7th September.
- Wed 29th: **NO Prayer & Share** this week.
- Wed 29th: **Town Band Concert at the Bandstand**: 7pm (if wet, in the Methodist Church at 7:30pm). FREE with a collection.

NEXT SUNDAY: 2nd August 2026 – Trinity 9

Short Music Practice before the Service from 10:30am

11am Holy Communion *Rev Dave Richards*

Bible Theme: Genesis 32.22-31 Romans 9.1-5 Matthew 14.13-21

Followed by St Mark's BBQ - Veggie and gluten-free options available. **To book your place please email rev.dave456@gmail.com**
Please also let Dave know if you can provide a salad or a pudding.
People who attend St Mark's and their family + friends are very welcome.

Gardens Open for Charity: The Stables and Knitson Old Farmhouse gardens are open on Wednesday 29th July and Thursday 30th July 12 - 5pm. Adults £8 (for both gardens), children free. Dogs welcome, wheelchair access, teas, plants for sale, picnics welcome.

Walk and Pray for our Community: During August, we'll walk and pray for our Herston Village community on Wednesday mornings. This is in place of Prayer & Share. On 5th, 12th and 19th August we'll meet at St Mark's at 10am, and we'll walk and pray for the residents of the Herston area around St Mark's Church. On 26th August we'll meet opposite the schools at 10am, to pray for the start of the new School year. If wet, on any Wednesday we'll stay at St Mark's Church.

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.

Thanks: To the wonderful team at St Mark's for making the Pimm's and Hymns event go so well last Sunday. Thanks to all who sorted out the food for Afternoon Tea and the Pimm's, to all who carried the tables and chairs around, to all who chose and introduced our hymns and to our musicians. Donations were just over £223 (Thank you) to be shared between St Mark's Church and the Christian Aid Venezuela Earthquake Appeal. The Christian Aid amount of £111.85 has been added to £150 (plus Gift Aid) given to the Venezuela Earthquake Appeal over the past few weeks in the red Christian Aid envelopes, making a total of £261.85 plus Gift Aid on £95.00, totalling £356.85. Well done, St Mark's.

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 8th Sunday after Trinity: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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.

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Sunday 26 July 2026
Holy Communion 10.00am
Revd Terence Handley MacMath

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

... and a special welcome to Revd Terence, and her husband, Paul, on their first visit to St Nicholas. This is a Holy Communion service, and you are all 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.

We love having children in our church. Please do not worry if they are noisy - or make a break for freedom: 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 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'
26th July – Trinity 8

Reading for this Sunday is: Romans 8 v 26 to the end

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13 v 31 – v 33 and v 44 – v 52

³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with ³⁴ three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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TEAM NOTICES

Carnival Praise: TODAY 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.

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!

A Studland Summer Date for your Diary. Hymns and Pimms at St Nicholas, Studland 23rd August at 6.30pm.



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, we'd love to see you.



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!)

Candle Wax for Ukraine - The support group in Bournemouth is no longer collecting candles and wax. Many thanks to all those who have donated towards the large collection of candles, candle ends, and wax.

REFLECTION

Matthew 13:31-33 and 44-52

Our Gospel readings are still exploring some of the **Parables of the Kingdom**. Jesus told parables as a non-threatening way of communicating profound truths. The parables are stories earthed in everyday life, with a deeper meaning. Listeners can ponder them in their own time and according to their own level of understanding. Today we are treated to 4 short parables.

The mustard seed is known to be a tiny seed, but is able to grow into a tree over 4 metres high. The image of a tree representing a great kingdom was a common one in the time of Jesus. The message to his hearers is clear: have faith - the Kingdom of God will start small, but will become great.

The parables of the Treasure and the Pearl have a similar theme. These stories remind us that the vast majority of parables have one big message. We should not look for too many allegorical details, or we will miss the main point. Don't be side-tracked by the idea that we have to buy anything to receive the Kingdom. The simple message here is that the Kingdom of God is the most valuable thing we will ever find. It's a top-priority must-have; we are called to be ready to give up all else to possess it!

The Parable of the Net takes us back to last week's theme from the parable of the weeds. Just as weeds and wheat grow together and are eventually separated, so good fish and bad are caught in a dragnet, with an eventual sort-out. God's Kingdom is open to all, but only those who are true disciples will enter it.

This selection of parables ends with an affirmation that the established teaching of the Old Testament, and Jesus' new proclamation of God's kingdom, are to be equally valued. The definition of God's Kingdom has widened, but he is still the same God and our knowledge of him is to be treasured.

Revd Dave Richards

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