

# SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

## St. Mary's Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2026 St Mary's Patronal Festival



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

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|---------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 8.00am  | HOLY COMMUNION (said)            | Revd Ian Bird |
| 10.30am | PATRONAL EUCHARIST               | Revd Ian Bird |
| 5.30pm  | LIFEBOAT SERVICE on Swanage Pier |               |

### 10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional: 366  
Gradual: 422  
Offertory: 360 (omit \*)  
Communion: 310  
Post Communion: 309  
Psalm: 45 v.10-end  
Setting: *Rawsthorne* Mass  
Motet: Hymn to the Virgin  
*Berkeley*  
Eucharistic Prayer: E pg 30

**NO Choral Evensong**

**5.30pm Lifeboat Service on  
Swanage Pier**

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

Isaiah 61:10-end  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 1:46-55

### **Readings for 6.30pm**

No evening service

### **Churchwardens**

Avril Harris  
Cliff Sutton

### **Director of Music**

Simon Lole

*(please contact via the Parish Office)*

## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who stooped to raise fallen humanity  
through the child-bearing of the blessed  
Mary:

Grant that we, who have seen your glory  
revealed in our human nature and your  
love made perfect in our weakness,  
may daily be renewed in your image  
and confirmed to the pattern of your Son  
Jesus Christ 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 most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made  
flesh:  
we thank you that in this sacrament of our  
redemption  
you visit us with your Holy Spirit  
and overshadow us by your power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful  
path of obedience  
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
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 18 <sup>th</sup> | 2.30pm  | All Things Bright & Beautiful service |
| Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom        |
|                       | 11.00am | Holy Communion in the chapel          |

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## SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Trinity 12

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|---------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 8.00am  | <b>HOLY COMMUNION (said)</b> | <i>Revd Dave Richards</i>  |
| 10.30am | <b>CHORAL EUCHARIST</b>      | <i>Canon Jeremy Oakes</i>  |
| 6.30pm  | <b>CHORAL EVENSONG</b>       | <i>Canon Anthony Clegg</i> |

# WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



## THIS SUNDAY: 16<sup>th</sup> August 2026 – Trinity 11

Short Music Practice before the Service from 9:30am

### **10am Holy Communion** *Rev Dave Richards*

Bible Theme: Genesis 45.1-15 Romans 11.1-2a,29-32 Matthew 15.10-28

*Gluten-free: Please talk to the Welcomer if you'd like a gluten-free Communion Wafer. We also have gluten-free refreshments.*

### **5:30pm Lifeboat Service on the Pier**

## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

- **CHURCH & GARDEN OPEN** 10am - 4pm Monday - Saturday
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup>: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup>: **NO St Mark's Choir Rehearsal** until 7<sup>th</sup> September.
- Tue 18<sup>th</sup>: **Fortnightly Bible Study** 7pm - 8:30pm in the Church Room (refreshments from 6:45pm)
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup>: **Funeral of William Custance-Dyke** 10am St Mark's
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup>: **Walk and Pray for our Community:** Meet at the bottom of Days Road, where it joins High Street Herston at 10am. This is opposite St Mark's School and Swanage School, so we'll spend time praying for the schools. Then we'll pray for the residents of Days Road, Sydenham Road, Holmes Road and High Street Herston. If wet, please pray at home. We can't meet at St Mark's Church as there's a funeral. This is in place of Prayer & Share this month.

## NEXT SUNDAY: 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026 – Trinity 12

Short Music Practice before the Service from 9:30am

### **10am Holy Communion**

*Rev Dave Richards and Chris Campbell (Ordinand from USA)*

Bible Theme: Exodus 1:8-2:10 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16.13-20

**Mark's Big Swim!** On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, (*provisional date*), Mark Critchlow will be swimming from Chapmans Pool to Swanage Pier to raise funds for Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance. To sponsor Mark, you can find the JustGiving page online and search for :-  
Mark Critchlow - 12

**Town Band Concert at the Bandstand:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 7pm. If wet, at the Methodist Church at 7:30pm. Free with a collection.

**Celebration Service with St Mark's Band:** 30<sup>th</sup> August at 10am

**Cakes for Staff at St Mark's School:** The staff really appreciate a welcome gift of cakes at the start of the new School year. If you are able to make or buy some buns/cakes please bring them to Church on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September, and we will deliver them on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept.

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**COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity:** O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 of all mercy, we, your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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PLEASE let Dave (07779079844) know of anyone who is unwell, in hospital or housebound who would like a visit.



**For the latest St Mark's News check out our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/StMarksHerston](http://www.facebook.com/StMarksHerston)**

**St Mark's Church, Herston, is part of the Swanage & Studland Team**  
**[www.swanageteam.com](http://www.swanageteam.com)**

St Mark's Website: **[www.achurchnearyou.com/St-Mark-Herston](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/St-Mark-Herston)**

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

There's a plate for cash donations on top of the font, and a QR code in the front of the Communion Service Book and on a poster on the wall near the font. If you've got the QR App on your mobile phone, you can click on the code, and it goes straight to the donations page. Thank you to everyone for your donations, however they're given.



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2026**  
**Morning Prayer 10.00am**  
**Revd Tony Higgins**

**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 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](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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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'**  
**Trinity 11**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading for this Sunday: Romans 11 v1 – v2a; v29 - v32**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 15 v21 - v28**

**Psalm 67**

- <sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*
- <sup>2</sup> that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*
- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.
- <sup>7</sup> May God continue to bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

**Collect:**

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
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

**Swanage Lifeboat Service:** TODAY Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August on the Pier at 5:30pm. ~There will no 6.30pm Evensong at St Mary's.

**A huge 'thank you'** to those who helped last Sunday evening as we said farewell to Natalie and Joseph. They were very touched by their send off and are now in their new home in Windsor Castle. Please continue to remember them in your prayers as they settle in.

**A Studland Summer Date for your Diary.** Hymns and Pimms at St Nicholas, Studland 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



**Please note** that T-Pot will continue meeting every week through the summer, all are welcome to join us.

**Keys for St Mary's** - The Yale lock for St Mary's Rooms has been replaced. Please ask a churchwarden if you need a replacement key. If you hold keys, please see a churchwarden (Cliff or Avril) to complete an updated form. If you have keys you no longer need, please return them to a churchwarden. This is a good opportunity to update our record of key holders!

**John Mann** – our previous Team Rector, has written a new book, 'Imagining the World, Daily Reflections for the Creation Season'. 34 wise and insightful reflections. Each daily reading is prefaced with an extract from the Bible and ends with a short prayer. On sale now at Swanage Bookshop. John now lives, with his wife Helen, on the Isle of Man and all royalties from the book will go the Manx Wildlife Trust.

**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!

# REFLECTION

## Reflection Luke 1: 46-55

Patronal festivals give us an opportunity not only to celebrate the lives of our patronal saints, but also encourage us in our walk with God to be fruitful disciples. Today at St Mary's we celebrate our patronal festival and the Gospel reading is the Magnificat. The words of Mary's song are very familiar to many of us, particularly if we attend Choral Evensong. And this can be a problem, as sometimes familiar words lose their impact. We can forget how just radical the words of The Magnificat are.

These words reveal a young and ordinary woman whose life has been turned upside down by God, yet whose response is not fear or self-pity, but praise: "My soul magnifies the Lord." She praises God as one who is holy, merciful and faithful. Mary has discovered that God has entrusted her with an extraordinary part in his purposes – to bear and be the mother of Jesus. Her remarkable response challenges us to ask whether we, too, are able to recognise God at work in the ordinary circumstances of our lives here in Purbeck and offer him praise.

The Magnificat also speaks powerfully about God's concern for those who are overlooked or vulnerable. Mary declares that God "has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" and "has filled the hungry with good things." Mary's song is therefore not simply a personal prayer of thanksgiving; it is a radical proclamation of God's kingdom. Mary points us towards a God who turns worldly expectations upside down, offering dignity to the humble and hope to those in need.

So as we celebrate St Mary's patronal festival, we can give thanks for her example of trust, courage and faithful obedience. Her example of faith encourages us to do the same: to listen, to trust, and to make room for God's purposes in our own lives. May we be inspired by her and may our own lives become songs of praise, proclaiming God's goodness, mercy and faithfulness to the world around us.

Every blessing  
Ian  
Rector

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### Team Contact details

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