

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY



St. Mary's
Sunday 23rd August 2026

Trinity 12 – Bartholomew the Apostle

A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	<i>Revd Dave Richards</i>
10.30am	CHORAL EUCHARIST	<i>Canon Jeremy Oakes</i>
5.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG	<i>Canon Anthony Clegg</i>

10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional: 2
Gradual: 144
Offertory: 133
Communion: 266 (omit *)
Post Communion: 247 (ii)
Psalm: 145 v. 1-7
Setting: *Nardone* Mass
Motet: Author of Love Divine
Shephard
Eucharistic Prayer: B pg 22

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Responses: *Ferial*
Psalm: 97
Office Hymn: 7
Canticles: *Chants* (3)
Anthem: View Me Lord
Lloyd
Hymns: 9 (omit *), 11(i)

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Isaiah 43:8-13
Acts 5:12-16 (pg 131)
Luke 22:24-30

Readings for 6.30pm

Isaiah 61:1-9
2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Churchwardens

Avril Harris
Cliff Sutton

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we
to pray and to give more than either we
desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your
mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our
conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which we
are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

God of all mercy,
in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of 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 25 th	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 26 th	10.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom
	11.00am	Holy Communion with Healing in the chapel

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 30th August – Trinity 13

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

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS SUNDAY: 23rd 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

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

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

- **CHURCH & GARDEN OPEN** 10am - 4pm Monday - Saturday
- Mon 24th: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall
- Mon 24th: **NO St Mark's Choir Rehearsal** until 7th September.
- Wed 26th: **Walk and Pray for our Community:** Meet at St Mark's Church at 10am and we'll walk and pray for the residents of Bell Street, Marsh Way, Higher Days Road, Benlease Way, Jubilee Road and all the side streets. If wet, we'll stay at the Church and pray. This is in place of Prayer & Share this month.
- Wed 26th: **Town Band Concert at the Bandstand:** 7pm. If wet, the Concert will be at the Methodist Church at 7:30pm. Free with a collection.

NEXT SUNDAY: 30th August 2026 – Trinity 13

Short Music Practice before the Service from 9:30am

10am Celebration Service with St Mark's Band

Rev Dave Richards

Theme: ***Jesus – a man worth knowing*** John 1:35-51

Mark's Big Swim! We're still waiting for a date for Mark's swim from Chapmans Pool to Swanage Pier to raise funds for the Air Ambulance.

Rev Natalie's Installation in St George's Chapel, Windsor

This will take place at Evensong at 5:15pm on Tuesday 1st September. People from Swanage are welcome to attend. Parking is available in Town Centre car-parks. Please arrive by 5pm at the King Henry VIII gate, and the police officers on duty will advise when you can enter.

Swanage Christian Men's Breakfast: Saturday 5th September, 8:15am-10am at McAllisters in Institute Road. Further details from John Way.

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 6th September and give them to Carol. We will deliver them on Monday 7th Sept.

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 12th Sunday after Trinity: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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: God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

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

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 are given.



Sunday 23 August 2026
Holy Communion 10.00am
Revd Tony Edmonds

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

... and a special welcome to visitors and newcomers to our service. 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. And, if you would prefer to have a blessing, just bring this Notice Sheet with you to the communion rail.

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 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, you can 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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St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas'
23rd August, Trinity 12

Reading for this Sunday is: Romans 12, v 1 to v 8

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16 v 13 – v 20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Collect:

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you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
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TEAM NOTICES

TONIGHT 23rd August at 6.30pm at St Nicholas in Studland. Hymns and Pimm's. The hymns we are singing have been requested by members of the congregation – and represent a happy memory – or maybe just have a nice tune! And the clue is in the name --- Pimm's and soft drinks will be served after the service. So, if you fancy a drive out on Sunday evening, do come. Everyone will be made welcome.

Natalie's Licensing on Tuesday 1st September. If you want to go but need a lift or if you are driving and have a spare seat, could you please leave your name and contact telephone number with the wardens Avril or Cliff or with Ian. We will do our best to marry up drivers and passengers.

Some great news! Following our recent 'Generous God, Generous People' series, 10 new donors have joined our Parish Giving Scheme, which is most encouraging. I don't know who you are, whether couples or individuals, but I just want to thank you for your generosity and commitment to our Parish. If you have been considering joining the scheme and want further information please do not hesitate to talk to one of the clergy, John our Treasurer, or a warden. Next month, we will give a fuller update on our financial situation. Thank you again and thank you to all who give to support our worship and mission. Ian, Rector.

Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival – Concert at St Nicholas at 11.00am on Friday 4th September. As part of the festival, which has a theme of the Sea, there will be a concert at St Nicholas Church at 11.00am on Friday 4th September entitled 'Still Waters'. Full details of the concerts and a booking link can be found at info@picmf.org.



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.



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!

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

Isaiah 43: 8-13, Acts 5:12-16, Luke 22: 24-30

Today we celebrate the Feast Day of St Bartholomew the Apostle which is actually tomorrow. So I thought my reflection might extend to what we know about Bartholomew. My first problem occurred in the first line of my chosen study book which said, "also known as Nathanael" Mmm, I reflected, so why Bartholomew and not Nathanael? Is this just a C of E whim?

Looking at the list of Apostles in Matthew, Mark and Luke we find Bartholomew listed, but in John no Bart, only Nathanael. In some there is an aside, "sometimes called Nathanael." I came across several assertions that scholars "generally" agree that Bartholomew and Nathanael are one and the same person. Who am I, a poor old retired parson, to disagree with them? Never the less I did spend a bit of time reflecting, and I invite you to do the same.

Bartholomew is named in the apostle lists in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the Book of Acts, but no individual stories or teachings are explicitly attributed to the name Bartholomew in canonical scripture.

Nathanael plays a minor role in the gospels, yet his brief appearance in the Gospel of John is significant. When Jesus met him, he said, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." Jesus commended Nathanael's honest character and his genuine hope for the Messiah. Nathanael was astonished that Jesus had noticed him under the fig tree.

So there you have it, let's presume that Bartholomew and Nathanael are one and the same person. This person had an astounding record of post resurrection missionary work. He traveled to regions like India, Mesopotamia, and Armenia to spread the Gospel and was credited with helping bring Christianity to Armenia. Tradition states he was martyred in a particularly barbaric way.

Saint Bartholomew is revered in the Anglican lectionary as one of the Twelve Apostles, a foundational witness to Christ's earthly ministry, resurrection, and ascension, and a representative of early missionary expansion to the ends of the earth. His feast is traditionally celebrated on the 24th August. A record worth reflecting on?

With blessings, John Cooper

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