

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's Sunday 30th August 2026 Trinity 13



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

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>

10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional:	116 (omit *)
Gradual:	128
Offertory:	342
Communion:	261
Post Communion:	108
Psalm:	105 v.1-6
Setting:	<i>Archer</i> Mass
Motet:	Be Still for the Presence of the Lord <i>Evans</i>
Eucharistic Prayer:	E pg 30

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Responses:	<i>Ferial</i>
Psalm:	105 v.1-8
Office Hymn:	139
Canticles:	<i>Chants</i> (1)
Anthem:	If Ye Love Me <i>Tallis</i>
Hymns:	214 (ii), 198

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Exodus 3:1-15
Romans 12:9-end
Matthew 16:21-end

Readings for 6.30pm

2 Kings 6:24-25, 7:3-end
Acts 18:1-16

Churchwardens

Avril Harris
Cliff Sutton

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the
world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your
love, that all who hear it may be drawn to
you;
through him who was lifted up on the
cross, and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our
earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
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 1 st Sept	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 2 nd	10.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom
	11.00am	Holy Communion in the chapel
Thurs 3 rd	5.00pm	Wedding rehearsal
Fri 4 th	5.30/6.30pm	Children/Adults Choir practice
Sat 5 th	1.00pm	Wedding: Zoe Johns & Robert Maughan

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 6th September – Trinity 14

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 Ian Bird</i>

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS 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)

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 Tuesday - Saturday
- Mon 31st: **Bank Holiday – No Community Café**
- Mon 31st: **NO St Mark's Choir Rehearsal** until 7th September
- Tue 1st Sept: **Rev Natalie's Installation in St George's Chapel, Windsor:** This will take place at Evensong at 5:15pm. 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.
- Tue 1st: **Fortnightly Bible Study:** 7pm - 8:30pm in the Church Room. Rev Margaret Williams will lead this week.
- Wed 2nd: **Prayer & Share:** 10am - 10:45am in the Church Room
- Sat 5th: **National Week of Prayer Begins**
- Sat 5th: **Swanage Christian Men's Breakfast:** 8:15am-10am at McAllisters in Institute Road. Further details from John Way.

Cakes for Staff at St Mark's School: 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

Mark's Sponsored Swim for the Air Ambulance: If you'd like to make a donation find the JustGiving page online and search for Mark Critchlow - 12 or give Mark a cash donation.

NEXT SUNDAY: 6th September 2026 – Trinity 14

Short Music Practice before the Service from 9:30am

10am Holy Communion *Rev John Cooper & Rev Dave Richards*

Bible Theme: Exodus 12.1-14 Romans 13.8-14 Matthew 18.15-20

As we have our refreshments this week, we celebrate Jean & Bernard's 65th Wedding Anniversary

6pm - 7:15pm Worship @ 6 at EBC – Swanage Churches meet together for the National Week of Prayer

St Mark's Church Committee Meeting: 7th September at 7:30pm

St Mark's Junior Singing Club: Restarts Tuesday 8th September for children in School years 3 – 8. In the Church Room 3:30pm - 4:20pm.

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 13th Sunday after Trinity: Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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, or you can use this QR code if you've got the App on your mobile phone. Thank you to everyone for your donations, however they are given.





Sunday 30th August 2026
Holy Communion 10.00am
Revd Tony Higgins

**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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SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY
St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas'
30 August, Trinity 13

Reading for this Sunday is: Romans 12 v 9 to the end

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16 v 21 to the end

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion:

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
 where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

TEAM NOTICES

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.

Message from John Way (Parish Treasurer): I have had to change my email address at short notice. For treasury matters or anything else to do with the parish, please use treasurer@swanageteam.com. For personal matters, either (or both) wayjohn629@gmail.com or johnway1551@gmail.com. My old Hotmail email no longer works. Thanks.



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.



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!

Advance Notice Diary Dates:

Ride & Stride, raising money for Dorset Historic Churches Trust, Saturday 12th September 2026. Sponsorship forms available from St Mary's Churchwardens Cliff and Avril or from the back of St Mary's Church. 50% of money raised will come back to the Swanage & Studland Team.

Swanage Folk Festival Service will be held in St Mary's on Sunday 13th September at 10.30am.

'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong - Sunday, 13th September at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month is Dr David Hill, Music Director, the Bach Choir. *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!

REFLECTION

Matthew 16:21-28

Our Gospel reading begins with the words: *"From that time on....."*, showing that something important has happened. Some of us celebrated St Bartholomew last week, so we missed a crucial part of Matthew's Gospel. Jesus asked the question: *"who do you say that I am?"* Peter responded: *"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."* This declaration is a turning point in the Gospel. Matthew tells us: *"From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."*

So far, so good; it seems the disciples have got the message. From now on Jesus can turn towards Jerusalem, to the Cross. It seems, however, that Peter has not quite grasped the whole truth. His view of Messiahship is very different from Jesus' understanding, so, when Jesus begins to talk about suffering and death, Peter takes Him aside to put Him right!

Just think about this. You declare someone to be the Son of the all-powerful, all-knowing God, then you proceed to tell him that He's got it all wrong.....! I write comic sketches for sermons, and the comedy potential of this is huge, or would be,..... if it were not also so sad. Peter thinks He can tell God what is right and wrong, and, unwittingly, becomes a mouthpiece for the devil.

That's the reason Jesus is so harsh in his response to Peter: *"Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."* Peter isn't just mistaken; his words demonstrate the huge gulf between God's ways and ways of sinful humanity. God's way is perfect, our way is, inevitably, corrupted by sin, pride and self-interest. That, in itself, shows us how much we need the crucified Christ. Jesus is an example of complete obedience to God's ways, and, on the cross, becomes the sacrifice which atones for human sin

Revd Dave Richards

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