

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's
Sunday 6th September 2026
Trinity 14



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

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>

10.30am – Family Eucharist

Processional: 77 (NHWS)
Gradual: 165(i) (NHWS)
Offertory: 180 (NHWS)
Communion: 57 (NHWS)
Post Communion: 37a (NHWS)

Setting: *Halls* Mass

Motet: Fairest Lord Jesus
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Eucharistic Prayer as per order of service

Voluntary: Toccata and Fugue in d
J S Bach

6.30pm Choral Evensong

O Sing Joyfully *Batten*
Responses: *Sumsion*
Psalm: 108
Office Hymn: 113
Canticles: *Walmisley* in D minor
Anthem: O Pray for the Peace
Howells

Hymns: 219, 15

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Romans 13:8-end
Matthew 18:15-20

Readings for 6.30pm

Ezekiel 12:21-13:16
Acts 19:1-20

Churchwardens

Avril Harris
Cliff Sutton

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in 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 8 th	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 9 th	10.00am 11.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom Holy Communion in the chapel
Fri 11 th	12.00pm 5.30/6.30pm	Funeral: Elizabeth Claxton (Sarah) Children/Adults Choir practice
Sat 12 th	8.00am	GWoP Prayer Meeting

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 13th September – Trinity 15

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	<i>Revd John Cooper</i>
10.30am	FOLK FESTIVAL SERVICE	<i>Revd Ian Bird</i>
6.30pm	COME & SING EVENSONG	<i>Revd Jo Levasier</i>

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS 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

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

As we have our refreshments this week, we celebrate Jean & Bernard's 65th Wedding Anniversary. It is also Michael & Jasmine's Golden Wedding next week. Many Congratulations.

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

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

- **St. Mark's Church & Garden Open** 10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat
- Mon 7th: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall
- Mon 7th: **Global Week of Prayer (GWO):** Drop in to the Labyrinth Prayer Journey at the Methodist Church 10am - 1pm
- Mon 7th: **GWO:** Prayer in the Northumbrian Tradition 6pm - 7pm at St Nicholas Church, Studland
- Mon 7th: **St Mark's Choir Rehearsal** 6:15pm - 7pm Church Room
- Mon 7th: **St Mark's Church Committee** 7:30pm Church Room
- Tue 8th: **GWO:** 12hr Prayer Room at EBC, including Churches Together Prayer Meeting 9am - 10am
- Tue 8th: **St Mark's Junior Singing Club restarts:** For children in School years 3 – 8. Meeting in the Church Room 3:30pm - 4:20pm.
- Wed 9th: **GWO:** Prayer & Share 10am - 10:45am at St Mark's
- Thurs 10th: **GWO:** 36hr Prayer Room at All Saints 9:30am – Fri 11th 9:30pm, including Thurs 10th Worship & Prayer 9:30 - 10:30am, and Fri 11th Service of Compline 9pm.

- Fri 11th: **GWoP**: Space for Quiet Prayer 10am - 12noon at URC
- Sat 12th: **GWoP**: Prayer Meeting 8am at St Mary's Church
- Sat 12th: **Ride 'n' Stride Day**: St Mark's Church Open for Visitors who will be raising money for Dorset Historic Churches
- Sat 12th: **Wedding Blessing** of James Pembroke & Amelia Milne at St George's Church, Langton Matravers 5:30pm

NEXT SUNDAY: 13th September 2026 – Trinity 15

10am Holy Communion: *Rev Dave Richards*

Bible Theme: Exodus 14.19-31 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

Followed by Coffee and Cake in the Church Room

Church Alive! September Magazine: Please collect your copy

THANKS: to people who brought cakes for staff at St Mark's School, as a gift from the Church. Carol will deliver them to the school tomorrow.

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 14th Sunday after Trinity: Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

There is 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 6th September 2026
Family Communion and Baptism
St Nicholas, Studland
Revd Tony Edmonds

We are delighted to welcome Robert Charles Williams, who is being baptised today. Welcome, too, to Robert's family and godparents.

We hope that there will be lots of families with young children in our congregation today. If you are a parent, or a grandparent, please do not worry if children are noisy or want to run around during the service: 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 join us - and get to know us all a little better. For regular updates on Church activities, check www.achurchnearyou.com You can also follow us on Facebook. (St Nicholas Church Studland).

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
6th September 2026 - Trinity 14

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18 v15 – v20

¹⁵ 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Collect:

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whose only Son has opened for us
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give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
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TEAM NOTICES

Join us in churches across Swanage & Studland for events as part of the **Global Week of Prayer 7th-12th September:**

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Ride & Stride, raising money for Dorset Historic Churches Trust, Saturday **12th September**.

Our 4 churches will be open for visitors who will be raising money for Dorset Historic Churches. Sponsorship forms are still 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. We anticipate a large congregation of visitors for this service. If you are able to help with serving refreshments afterwards, please speak to Judith Bird, Ian or the wardens. Thank you.

'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong - next 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!

St Mary's Choir are going to **Salisbury Cathedral** on **Saturday 19th September** to sing evensong with the cathedral choir. We have 10 spare seats on the coach. If anyone would like to come along on that day, please get in touch with Simon Lole. The cost is £13 per head.

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

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.

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

What is a church? Where is heaven? (And what is it like?) Will you get the answer you want to your prayers if you can persuade someone else to petition God with you? And why does Jesus promise to be with two or three people who gather in his name? In just five verses Matthew suggests influential ideas that have had as many interpretations as Christians. Here's one.

Matthew's gospel is a handbook for disciples, and his instructions for dealing with a 'brother' are part of Jesus's teaching those who care of the 'little ones' whose angels in heaven look directly at the face of 'my Father' (18.10-11). 'Little ones' are utterly precious to 'my Father' – and disciples are called to serve them well. Among the gospel-writers, it is only Matthew who speaks of the church/*ekklesia*, here and in a companion passage (Matthew 16:13-20). The Greek *ekklesia* may express different Hebrew experiences (the assemblies, synagogues, Temple) or just the elders who are *called out* (the literal meaning of *ekklesia*) to tend 'the little ones'. Matthew takes the failure of leaders very seriously, but in 18:15-17 I'd like to think he uses *ekklesia* to mean just 'elders'. They must be held to account for failures, but as gently and privately as possible, before public expulsion.

Matthew's promise that wherever two or three disciples are gathered in Jesus's name would have been as familiar to the first disciples as it's comforted many a dwindling congregation. Rabbi Hananiah ben Teradion taught that if two sit together and words of Torah are spoken between them, the Divine Presence/*Shekhinah* rests between them (Pirkei Avot 3:2). Rabbi Halafta ben Dosa said God establishes his presence whether there are ten, five, three, or even two people gathered to study (Pirkei Avot 3:6). When two people study Torah, the *Shekhinah* is with them, and this is recorded by God (Talmud Berakhot 6a).

Matthew is the only gospel-writer who speaks of 'the Kingdom of Heaven'. That busy life, populated by disciples, angels, demons, ruled by Jesus and the Spirit, seems to interpenetrate and reflect this world, so disciples' actions must be in accord with it. It's the Spirit/*Shekhinah* which harmonises earth and heaven, and as disciples learn her compassion and wisdom, their prayer for all creation's flourishing is one with God's own will, and so will be granted . . . in God's own time.

Revd Terence Handey MacMath

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