

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's Sunday 13th September 2026 Trinity 15



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

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>

10.30am – Folk Festival Service

Separate Order of Service Booklet

Anthem: Spirit of the Living God
Leddington Wright

6.30pm Come & Sing Evensong

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Responses: *Ayleward*

Psalm: 119 v.41-48

Office Hymn: 217

Canticles: Collegium Regale

Howells

Anthem: Evening Hymn

Gardiner

Hymns: 251, 16

Readings for 8am

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

10.30am Service Booklet

Readings for 6.30pm

Ezekiel 20:1-8, 33-44

Acts 20:17-end

Churchwardens

Avril Harris

Cliff Sutton

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your
truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church
with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty
cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things
hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our
salvation;
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 15 th	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 16 th	10.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom
	11.00am	Holy Communion in the chapel
	2.15pm	Visiting Bellringers
Thurs 17 th	2.30pm	Funeral: Elliot Mead
Fri 18 th	5.30/6.30pm	Children/Adults Choir practice
Sat 19 th	2.00pm	Wedding: Stuart Macaulay & Amy Tideswell

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 20th September – Trinity 16

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

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS 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

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

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

- **St. Mark's Church & Garden Open** 10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat
- Mon 14th: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall with Citizens Advice, Help with Technology and the Community Pantry
- Mon 14th: **Choir Rehearsal** 6:15pm - 7pm Church Room
- Tue 15th: **St Mark's Junior Singing Club** 3:30pm - 4:20pm Church Room. For children in School years 3 – 8.
- Tue 15th: **Fortnightly Bible Study** 6:45pm - 8:30pm Church Room
- Tue 15th: **PCC Meeting** 7pm All Saints' Church Hall
- Wed 16th: **Prayer & Share** 10am - 10:45am Church Room

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Our next Celebration Service with St Mark's Band is a Thanksgiving for our Pets: Sunday 27th September at 10am, followed by coffee, cake, and dog biscuits! Please invite your friends to come along with their pets. As well as blessing the animals there will be a time of reflection to thank God for pets who are no longer with us.

St Mark's Church Harvest Festival: Sunday 4th October at the later time of 11am, followed by a Bring-and-Share Lunch. Drinks provided. Everyone is welcome. There is a list to sign about the food you can bring on the table near the font. There will also be a Harvest collection of food for Swanage Foodbank and people are invited to help decorate the Church (please sign the list on the noticeboard in the church porch).

Any Questions? Thursday 8th October 6:30pm for 7pm at Swanage Methodist Church. The speaker is Dr Alan Kerry, and the topic is "Is God good for your (mental) health?"

Wear it Pink! On Sunday 18th October there will be special refreshments after the Morning Communion Service, and a collection for the charity "Breast Cancer Now". People are invited to wear something pink.

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 15th Sunday after Trinity: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through 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**

St Mark's Church, Herston, is part of the Swanage & Studland Team
www.swanageteam.com

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 13th September 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'
13 September, Trinity 15

Reading for this Sunday is: Romans 14 v1 - v12

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18 v 21 – v35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²² Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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TEAM NOTICES

Swanage Folk Festival Service at 10.30am today. A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong - TODAY, 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.

Reading Scripture Together – A course exploring the ancient and rich spiritual practice of *lectio divina*. To be held in St Mary's Rooms on Thursday evenings from 1st October – 19th November at 5pm for 5.15pm – 6.30pm. *Please see leaflets in church for more details or speak to Revd Terence Handley MacMath*. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of St Mary's church for anyone interested in attending.

Refreshments – Can anyone help with refreshments at the 10.30 services? Judith is away later this month and the rota is currently blank, so we may have no refreshments. If you're able to help, please let the church wardens know.

Confirmation - We have a couple of members of the congregation taking part in confirmation preparation. If anyone else is interested in being confirmed, please speak to Ian or one of the church wardens.

Advance Diary Date:

Jonathan Viera – at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Friday 16th October, 7.30pm. Jonathan, renowned singer and musician, will be performing his acclaimed one man show, filled with music, singing, moving and hilarious anecdotes from his professional and personal life. Tickets £10 available from Parish Office or see Rector Ian.

St Mary's will celebrate **Harvest Festival** on Sunday 4th October at 10.30am.



All Things Bright and Beautiful takes place in St Mary's Church each Tuesday from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. A short service, 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.



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.

REFLECTION

Hope that Dances

Isaiah 35: 4-7a & 8-10 and John 12: 12-19

This weekend Swanage is filled with dancing and music. A wonderfully diverse array of teams are dancing as part of this year's Swanage Folk Festival and we have the joy of having three teams with us dancing in our service at St Mary's this Sunday morning.

In our reading from Isaiah, we hear a promise of God's salvation: *"Be strong, do not fear; here is your God."* The prophet speaks of a world transformed by God's presence — the blind seeing, the deaf hearing, the lame leaping like a deer, and the wilderness becoming a place of life and joy. It is a beautiful vision of what happens when God comes among his people and the world is transformed by his presence - a world where sorrow gives way to gladness and where people journey together towards hope. That feels particularly appropriate this weekend, as the Folk music and dancing bring people together. Strangers become partners, and a community is created through rhythm, movement and shared joy.

In our reading from John's Gospel, Jesus enters Jerusalem with people waving branches, joyfully shouting his praise. But amidst the celebration, Jesus alone knows that great suffering and the cross are his destiny. I think there is a challenge here for us all. Christian joy is not pretending that life is always easy. It is choosing to celebrate God's goodness even in the face of fear, loneliness, grief or pain.

So this festival, whether we are dancing, or watching others dance, may our hearts be filled with joy and may our community be a place where people discover hope. And may Christ, who entered Jerusalem amid songs of praise, walk with us — turning our celebration into thanksgiving and our dancing into a joyful expression of God's love.

Every blessing
Ian

Team Contact details

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