

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's Sunday 4th October 2026 HARVEST



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	Revd Ian Bird
10.30am	HARVEST & FAMILY EUCHARIST	Revd Ian Bird & Kevin Burke
6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG	Revd Terence Handley MacMath

10.30am – Harvest Festival

Processional:	116(ii)
Gradual:	290
Offertory:	104
Communion:	255
Post Communion:	291
Setting:	<i>Nardone</i>
Motet: Thou Visiteth the Earth	<i>Greene</i>
Voluntary: Tuba Tune	<i>C S Lang</i>

6.30pm Choral Evensong

The Choristers Prayer	<i>Maxim</i>
Responses:	<i>Sumsion</i>
Psalm:	136 v.1-9
Office Hymn:	230
Canticles:	<i>Moeran</i> in D
Anthem: My Soul there is a Country	<i>Parry</i>
Hymns:	288, 289

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Luke 12:16-30

Churchwardens

Avril Harris
Cliff Sutton

Readings for 6.30pm

Proverbs 2:1-11
1 John 2:1-17

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in
their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need
and for our own well-being;
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 of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine
of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence
for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
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 6 th	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 7 th	10.00am 11.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom Holy Communion in the chapel
Fri 9 th	5.30/6.30pm	Children/Adults Choir practice

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 11th October – Trinity 19

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

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS SUNDAY: 4th October 2026 – Harvest Festival

11am Holy Communion: *Rev Dave Richards*

Bible Theme: Deuteronomy 8:7-18 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Luke 12:16-30

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

Approx 12:30pm: Harvest Bring-and-Share Lunch in Church

6pm Invitation to Worship @6 at EBC with Swanage Churches

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

- **St. Mark's Church & Garden Open** 10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat
- **Mon 5th: Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall with Citizens Advice, Help with Technology and Community Pantry
- **Mon 5th: Choir Rehearsal** 6:15pm - 7pm Church Room
- **Tue 6th: Junior Singing Club** 3:30pm - 4:20pm Church Room
- **Wed 7th: Prayer & Share** 10am - 10:45am Church Room
- **Thurs 8th: St Mark's School Harvest** 1:45pm in Church
- **Thurs 8th: Any Questions?** 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?"

NEXT SUNDAY: 11th October 2026 – Trinity 19

10am Holy Communion: *Rev Dr Ian Bird & Rev Dave Richards*

Bible Theme: Exodus 32:1-14 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

Followed by Coffee & Cake in the Church Room

Thanks: to everyone who has decorated the Church for Harvest. Thanks also to everyone who has contributed to the Harvest Lunch, and thanks to people for donations to the Swanage Foodbank.

Jonathan Veira, Christian singer and comedian, is performing at EBC on Friday 16th October at 7:30pm. Tickets are £10 each, available from Corbens Estate Agent and local churches. Please see Carol at St Mark's.

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.

Deanery Links with the Church in Sudan and South Sudan: On Thursday 22nd October at 7pm for 7:30pm everyone in Purbeck Deanery is invited to an open meeting of Deanery Synod to find out more about our links with the Church in Sudan and South Sudan.

The next Celebration Service with St Mark's Band is on Sunday 25th October at 10am, followed by coffee and cake in the Church Room

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for Harvest: Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; 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

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 4th October 2026
Family Communion 10.00am
Rev'd Tony Edmonds

**A very warm welcome to our
Family Communion Service
in St Nicholas Church, Studland**

This is a Family Communion Service, and 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 donate 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 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
4th October 2026 - Trinity 18

Reading for this Sunday: Matthew 21 v33 to the end

³³ 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' ⁴¹ They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

⁴² Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone; ^[i]

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes"?

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ^[a] ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' ^[h]

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your
commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this
sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is
renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you
reign
with all your saints for ever.

TEAM NOTICES

Church Harvest Festival Services: . **St Mary's** will celebrate today Sunday 4th October at 10.30am and **St Mark's**; also today, at the later time of 11am. St Mark's service will be followed by a Bring-and-Share Lunch. Drinks provided. Everyone is most welcome to join us at any of our Harvest Services.

'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong next Sunday, 11th October at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month is Dr Philip Moore, formerly York Minster. *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!

Reading Scripture Together – 8 stand-alone sessions 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 and further details at the back of St Mary's church for anyone interested in attending.

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.

"That Doesn't Happen Here" : Thursday 8th October starting at 10:30am in the Rectory Classroom. The first of our topical discussion meetings using themes from the 2026 Mothers' Union action plan. You will also have the chance to enjoy coffee, cake, and general chat plus a little Origami! Quite an experience, and we look forward to sharing the time with you. Further details from Paul Baird (pauldbaird@aol.com)



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 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

2 Corinthians 9.6-15 Luke 12.16-30

St Mary's and St Mark's are both celebrating Harvest Festival this week. Our celebrations come at the very end of the Church's **Season of Creation**, a time to reflect on God's wonderful world, and how we relate to it.

Harvest is a time to give thanks for God's provision. In past times, when more people lived closer to the land, it was all about the produce of the land; (when I was a Curate in industrial Wales, in the early 80s, our church Harvest displays included a bag of coal and a gallon of oil – both produced in our local community). Our readings today encourage us to think about more than just food, to recognise God's total provision for us, and our complete dependency on Him.

Our Gospel reading reminds us that we should not be too obsessed with material things. *"For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing"*. There are far more important things in life than our possessions, and of course, we must one day leave them all behind. It's interesting that Matthew tells us that the possessions are temporary, (moth and rust etc.), while Luke reminds us that **we** are temporary. Both emphasise the need for an eternal, rather than a temporal, perspective.

St Paul talks about *"a harvest of righteousness"*, and uses the image of sowing and reaping to encourage generosity. This is, of course, an important part of Harvest. We bring token offerings to decorate the Church, and, hopefully, more substantial offerings to stock up the Foodbank. We are reminded that while we have enough, and sometimes more than enough, others live in poverty. The Old Testament Harvest Celebrations, as described in Deuteronomy, always carry a warning not to forget "the widow, the orphan and the alien" – those most likely to be destitute.

The Harvest message is clear. God has blessed us; we must thank Him for these blessings, which are to be shared, not hoarded. **We thank God for the Creation, but worship the Creator!**

Revd Dave Richards

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