

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's Sunday 11th October 2026 Trinity 19



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

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

10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional:	170 (omit*)
Gradual:	24
Offertory:	126
Communion:	259
Post Communion:	184
Psalm:	106:1-6
Setting:	<i>Halls/ Sumsion</i>
Motet:	Come, Dearest Lord <i>Moore</i>
Eucharistic Prayer:	B, pg 22

6.30pm Come & Sing

Thou Knowest Lord	<i>Purcell</i>
Responses:	<i>Ayleward</i>
Psalm:	139:1-11
Office Hymn:	190
Canticles:	Wood in E flat (2)
Anthem	O Thou the Central Orb <i>Wood</i>
Hymns:	139, 426
Voluntary:	Postlude in C <i>Smart</i>

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Exodus 32:1-14
Philippians 4:1-9
Mathew 22:1-14

Readings for 6.30pm

Proverbs 3:1-18
1 John 3:1-15

Churchwardens

Avril Harris
Cliff Sutton

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you:
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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

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you have fed us with the body and blood
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and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
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but in lives dedicated to the service
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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 13 th	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 14 th	10.00am 11.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom Holy Communion in the chapel
Fri 16 th	10.00am 5.30/6.30pm	Swanage Primary School Harvest Festival Service Children/Adults Choir practice

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 18th October – Trinity 20

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	<i>Revd Dave Richards</i>
10.30am	CHORAL EUCHARIST	<i>Canon Anthony Clegg</i>
6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG	<i>Revd Ian Bird</i>

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS 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

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:

- **St. Mark's Church & Garden Open** 10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat
- Mon 12th: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall
- Mon 12th: **Choir Rehearsal & Social Evening:** Thanks to Mike and Uta for hosting us.
- Tue 12th: **Junior Singing Club** 3:30pm - 4:20pm Church Room
- Tue 12th: **Fortnightly Bible Study** 6:45pm - 8:30pm Church Room
- Wed 14th: **Prayer & Share** 10am - 10:45am Church Room
- Wed 14th: **Churches Together in Swanage AGM** at Emmanuel Baptist Church – 7pm onwards for coffee, 7:30pm time of worship, followed by the AGM and a talk by Paula on the work of Allsort'd.
- Fri 16th: **Jonathan Veira**, Christian singer and comedian, is performing at EBC at 7:30pm. Tickets £10, at St Mark's ask Carol.

NEXT SUNDAY: 18th October 2026 – St Luke

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

Bible Theme: Isaiah 35:3-6 2 Timothy 4:5-17 Luke 10:1-9

Followed by “Wear it Pink!” - Raising money for Breast Cancer Research. *People are welcome to arrive at 10am for the Communion Service or 11:15am for the Refreshments (with donations for “Wear it Pink! Breast Cancer Now). Gluten-free refreshments available.*

Thanks: to everyone who decorated the Church for Harvest, and to people for donations to the Swanage Foodbank. Thanks also to everyone who contributed to the very successful Harvest Lunch last Sunday, and to the team of people who got everything ready and cleared up afterwards. Also thanks to people who helped at the School Harvest Service last week

Light Up Dorset: Vision, Worship & Prayer Night on Saturday October 17th 2026, from 7pm – 9pm, at The Lighthouse, Poole. Cost: £5 per ticket (booking required in advance via the Light Up Dorset Official Site).

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.

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 19th Sunday after Trinity: O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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: Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service **of 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.



Disciples of Christ, sharing the compassionate and caring love of God with the School and Community of which we are a part.



Sunday 11th October 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
11th October 2026 Trinity 19

Reading for this Sunday is: Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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TEAM NOTICES

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.

Churches Together AGM – Weds 14th October at Emmanuel Baptist Church. 7pm for coffee, 7.30pm time of worship. Followed by a short time of news, appointing of new officers for Churches Together forum and a brief review of the year. Along with an introduction to the work of AllSort'd by Pauline Kirk.

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.

'Wear it Pink' – special event in aid of Breast Cancer Now on Sunday 18th October, 10am Holy Communion; 11am coffee, tea, wine and lots of delicious cakes. Join us at St Mark's Church, Bell St, Herston. Donations will be invited for 'Wear it Pink' Breast Cancer Now.

"H is for Hawk" is the film at St Mary's for this year's Purbeck Film Festival. It's on **Monday, 19th October at 7.30pm.** The actors include Claire Foy, Brendan Gleeson, Denise Gough, Lindsay Duncan, and the rating is 12A. The film is followed by a "Q and A" session with the film's BAFTA-winning British director, Philippa Lowthorpe, an acclaimed film and television director. She has directed *Call the Midwife* and episodes of *The Crown* among other things. See October's Church Alive for more information.



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..

On your own on a Wednesday? Or new to the area and would like to chat to others? **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

Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

The Jewish people still study to prepare for Yom Kippur – the annual day of atonement: to return to God, and to be reconciled with each other, in the hope that their names will be written in the book of Life, as Paul begs the Philippians to do. There are two formidable leaders in their church whose disagreements have reached Paul's ears in prison, perhaps as far as 800 miles away. *Plus ça change...*

The precious covenant between God and creation, that we keep on breaking – from Adam till today – is renewed by such atonement, spectacularly for the family of Israel with their miraculous escape from Egypt and the gift of the law on Sinai. The covenant goes through many iterations in the Bible – 'Adamic covenant', 'Noahic covenant', 'covenant of peace', 'everlasting covenant' etc – but it is essentially the same covenant or marriage (*berit* can mean both, and, for Jews, circumcision because this is the defining mark of the covenant). This is what binds God and his creation in peace.

Matthew's parable of the cursed fig tree gives us the key to his parable of the wedding feast. The rejection of the laws of peace by the leaders of Israel is behind their rejection of Jesus because he has been preaching peace to all. Matthew's careful structure is interrupted by three related sets of three (the 'few small fish' that accompany the 'bread' of his universal teaching). These describe the terrible consequences of Israel's leaders' rejection of peace, drawing on references from the Torah and Isaiah. In Matthew 22:1-14 we read of marriages made for a son; a sacrifice prepared; three of the responses to the sower's 'seed' that Jesus talked about; the fate of some of God's prophets; the 'parting of the ways' (not 'thoroughfares' or 'streets') that will inevitably ensue.

Matthew's 'bridal chamber' can be read as a post-mortem vision ('reclining ones', often translated as 'guests', can mean people feasting pagan-style – or corpses lying on a bier). And who is the man without a wedding garment? Matthew gives us three clues: the Spirit clothes her children with garments of Wisdom, but this 'man' has no garment; the king addresses him as 'Friend'. Whom does Jesus call 'Friend', and when? The man who kissed him at Gethsemane.

Revd Terence Handley MacMath

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