

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's Sunday 25th October 2026 Bible Sunday – Last after Trinity



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

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

10.30am – Choral Eucharist

Processional:	199
Gradual:	212
Offertory:	190
Communion:	59
Post Communion:	171
Psalm:	119:9-16

Setting: *Darke/Aston*

Motet: O Come Ye Servants *Tye*

Eucharistic Prayer: E , pg 30

Voluntary: Toccata *Widor*

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Cantate Domino *Pitoni*

Responses: *Rose*

Psalm: 119:89-97

Office Hymn: 118

Canticles: *Sumsion* in G

Anthem Holy is the True Light
William Harris

Hymns: 239, 457

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6

Colossians 3:12-17

Matthew 24:30-35

Readings for 6.30pm

Isaiah 55:1-11

Luke 4:14-30

Churchwardens

Avril Harris

Cliff Sutton

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy scriptures
to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your
holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus
Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly
grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.

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 27 th	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 28 th	10.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom
	11.00am	Holy Communion in the chapel
Fri 30 th	6.30pm	Adults Choir practice

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 1st November – All Souls

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	<i>Revd Ian Bird</i>
10.30am	FAMILY EUCHARIST	<i>Revd Ian Bird</i>
3.30pm	A SERVICE IN WHICH TO REMEMBER	<i>Revd s Ian Bird & Jo Levasier</i>

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS SUNDAY: 25th October 2026 - Last Sunday after Trinity
CLOCKS HAVE GONE BACK ONE HOUR

**10am Celebration Service with St Mark's Band
and the Junior Choir** *Rev Dave Richards*

Theme: The Church – Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-27 edited)

followed by Drinks and Cakes in the Church Room
(Including Gluten-free cakes and biscuits)

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK: Half Term

- **St. Mark's Church & Garden Open:** 10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat
- Mon 26th: **Community Café:** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall
- Mon 26th: **Funeral of Mrs Joan Tomes:** The Service takes place at Godlingston Cemetery Chapel at 12noon
- Mon 26th: **No Choir Rehearsal** – Half Term
- Tue 27th: **No Junior Singing Club** – Half Term
- Tue 27th: **Fortnightly Bible Study:** 6:45pm for 7pm – 8:30pm in the Church Room. John Way is leading the session this week.
- Wed 28th: **Prayer & Share:** 10am - 10:45am Church Room
- Sat 31st: **Jumble Sale at Herston Village Hall:** 10am - 12noon.
Free entry. Cuppa & Cakes. Drop off dates for donations: Thursday 29th from 5pm-7pm and Friday 30th from 3pm-6pm.

NEXT SUNDAY: 1st November 2026 – All Saints

10am Holy Communion: *Rev Dave Richards*

Bible Theme: Revelation 7.9-17 1 John 3.1-3 Matthew 5.1-12

followed by Drinks and Cakes in the Church Room

3:30pm A Service in which to Remember at St Mary's

Message from Anne Roper: Dear friends, I would like to say a very Big *THANK YOU* to everyone who supported and helped at the Wear It Pink for Cancer Research, last Sunday. We raised an amazing £360.00! and a very generous, anonymous person, has doubled the amount raised. Also with Gift Aid of £60 this lovely event has raised £780.00 for this wonderful charity. *Thank you all so very much.* With Blessings from Anne Roper

A Service in which to Remember: Sunday 1st November, 3:30pm at St Mary's Church. St Mark's members will serve refreshments after the Service and someone from St Mary's, who knows where everything is, will work with us. Please see Dave if you can help with this. Also, there is a list on the table if you'd like to add a name to be read out in the Service.

Remembrance Sunday at St Mark's: Sunday 8th November.
Holy Communion at 10am, followed by an Act of Remembrance and 2 Minutes' Silence at 11am.

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for the Last Sunday after Trinity: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive 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 Website: **www.achurchnearyou.com/St-Mark-Herston**

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 25 October 2026
Holy Communion 10.00am
Revd Tony Edmonds

**A very warm welcome to our
service this morning in
St Nicholas Church, Studland**

... and a special welcome if you are a visitor to our Church! This is a Holy Communion service, and you are most welcome to take Communion with us. If you need a gluten-free wafer, just ask. Or if you would prefer to have a blessing, bring this Notice Sheet with you to the communion rail.

Children are most welcome in our church. Do not worry if they are noisy or make a break for freedom: we are just delighted to have children 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 is 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) – do give us a like or two! And for additional information about St Nicholas Church and its services, contact:

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SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY
St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas'
October 25th - Last Sunday of Trinity

Reading for this Sunday is 1 Thessalonians 2 1-8

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22 34-end

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together,
³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' ³⁷ He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'
⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² 'What do you think of the Messiah?  Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' ⁴³ He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
⁴⁴ "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"?
⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Collect:

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy scriptures
to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion:

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

TEAM NOTICES

A Service in Which to Remember: 1st November at 3.30pm, St Mary's Church. To all who have lost loved ones, both in the past few months, and longer ago, please join us in a service at All Souls tide to light candles and pray together. There will also be refreshments after the service. For those who wish to have names of loved ones read out during the service there are sign-up sheets available in our churches now.

Swanage Town Remembrance Service – 8th November, 2.30pm at St Mary's Church. The parade will march from The Mowlem at 2pm and after the service in church, the parade will make its way to the War Memorial where the poppy wreaths will be laid at about 4.00pm. An Act of Remembrance will be held at the wreath-laying ceremony as well as during the church service.

'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong Sunday, 15th November with Professor Stephen Darlington at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church.

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 until 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.

Christmas cards with a Nativity theme are on sale again this year and are already available in St Mary's at service times. Some old and some new designs, packs of five for £2.50, profits to parish funds.

Studland Community Coffee is back in the Church Hall, every Thursday from 10am to 11.30am ... cafetiere coffee, brilliant biscuits and fabulous friendship. Do please join us.



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.



No Friday Fun Club this week as it's half term – but the 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

Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 8-12; Colossians 3: 12-17; Matthew 24: 30-35

It goes without saying that the Bible is remarkable. The word of God, written in the Hebrew Scriptures and the Christian Bible, has been a source of wisdom, knowledge, love and life to countless numbers of people down many centuries, ever since Moses declared God's commandments to the Israelites living in the wilderness.

In today's Old Testament reading from the book of Nehemiah, the rediscovered Law of Moses was read and explained by the priest Ezra to the people of Israel who had returned from exile in Babylon and rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem. They responded with joy and a new commitment to living out the law as God's people.

In our Gospel reading, Jesus, the Word of God in human form, declares 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.' He is talking about the word of God. Like themes that run through a piece of great music, so too the word of God carries that great theme of love, which is at the heart of Jesus' teaching.

The word of God revealed in Jesus is timeless, the same yesterday, today and forever. In this time of great uncertainty in the world around us, we can be both comforted and encouraged by the word of God. Also we can be challenged to live more fully as his people, reflecting the love and hope found in Jesus Christ and in him alone. In his letter to the Colossians, St Paul encourages his readers to immerse themselves in the word, to clothe themselves with love and live out the Good News of Jesus Christ. This is our calling too – our world needs us to live more Christ-like and radical lives that people might see and experience God's love in action. So let's do it!

Every blessing
Ian
Rector

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