SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY
St. Mary's
Sunday 1st November 2026
All Saints & All Souls

A very warm welcome to St. Mary's

8.00am	**HOLY COMMUNION (said)**	*Revd Ian Bird*
10.30am	**FAMILY EUCHARIST**	*Revd Ian Bird*
3.30pm	**A SERVICE IN WHICH TO REMEMBER**	*Revds Ian Bird & Jo Levasier*

10.30am – Family Eucharist

Processional:	58 (NHWS)
Gradual:	170(i) (NHWS)
Offertory:	165(i) (NHWS)
Communion:	246a(ii) (NHWS)
Post Communion:	76 (NHWS)
Setting: *Halls*	Mass
Motet: Prayer of St Richard	*L'Estrange*
Eucharistic Prayer:	as per order of service

3.30pm A service in Which to Remember

Holy is the True Light	*Harris*
Kyrie	*Bird*
And Didst Thou Travel Light?	*Shephard*
A Clare Benediction	*Rutter*

Readings for 8am & 10.30am

Revelation 7:9-end
Matthew 5:1-12

Churchwardens
Avril Harris
Cliff Sutton

Director of Music
Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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

God, the source of holiness
and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
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 3rd Nov	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Weds 4th	10.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom
	11.00am	Holy Communion in the chapel
Fri 6th	5.30/6.30pm	Children/Adults Choir practice

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 8th November – Remembrance Sunday

8.00am	**HOLY COMMUNION (said)**	*Revd Dave Richards*
10.30am	**CHORAL EUCHARIST**	*Revd Ian Bird*
2.30pm	**SWANAGE TOWN REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**	*Revds Ian Bird & Dave Richards*

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA

THIS 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

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

Followed by Coffee & Cake in the Church Room

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

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

- **St. Mark's Church & Garden Open:** 10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat
- Mon 2nd: **Community Café:** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall with Citizens Advice, Help with Technology and Community Pantry
- Mon 2nd: **Choir Rehearsal:** 6:15pm - 7pm Church Room
- Tue 3rd: **Junior Singing Club:** 3:30pm - 4:20pm Church Room
- Tue 3rd: **St Mark's Church Committee:** 7:30pm Church Room
- Wed 4th: **Prayer & Share:** 10am - 10:45am Church Room
- Wed 4th: **Children's Music Recital:** 6:30pm Newton Manor Hall. This is a fundraiser event for Allsort'd.
- Sat 7th: **Swanage Christian Men's Breakfast:** 8:15am-10am at McAllisters in Institute Road. Details from John Way

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with Act of Remembrance and 2 minutes Silence at 11am
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Followed by Coffee & Cake in the Church Room

2:30pm Town Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church

A Service in which to Remember: Today at 3:30pm at St Mary's Church. St Mark's members will serve refreshments after the Service. We could do with one extra person. If you're able to help on this occasion please see Dave.

Bulb Planting Rescheduled: The bulb planting at the community field near Herston Village Hall has been rearranged for Saturday 7th November, 10:30am - 12:30pm. Bulbs provided. Please bring gloves and a trowel, if you have them.

Church Alive! Please collect your copy of Church Alive! Magazine, and please feel free to take some copies for friends.

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for All Saints' Day: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 heaven, in this Eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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
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.



Sunday 1st November 2026
Family Communion 10.00am
Revd 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)

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St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas
1st November 2026 ALL SAINTS DAY

Reading for this Sunday: Matthew 5 v1 – v12

When Jesus[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples
came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.
11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil
against you falsely[b] on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in
heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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TEAM NOTICES

TODAY - 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.

Community Café: Monday 2nd November, 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall with Citizens Advice, Help with Technology and Community Pantry

Swanage Christian Men's Breakfast: 8:15am-10am at McAllisters in Institute Road.

Table Top Sale at All Saints Church Hall, Saturday 7th November, 10-12.30. A local community event by Art Workshop. Come and support this brilliant community project, enjoy refreshments and browse bric-a-brac and craft stalls.

NEXT SUNDAY - 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*. 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*.

Christmas cards with a Nativity theme are available on sale again this year in our three Swanage churches. 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. 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.

REFLECTION

All Saints', Matthew: 5 1-12; and All Souls', Luke 14: 12-14

There is a sense of completion and yet open endedness about todays feast. How can it be possible for the "All" of this day to say what it means? How can the number of the holy ones of God ever reach completion this side of heaven?

At the English Reformation, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced so that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it never had before. Sometimes pruning can help to clarify where priorities are. The Reformation deliberately played down and then excluded the traditional piety of the preceding centuries which divided those who have died into : The saints, who can pray for us, and who are commemorated today; and the departed for whom we on earth must pray on All Souls' Day, this afternoon in St Mary's. This division only came about in time, as the second feast gained in popularity, from its inception in the ninth century.

Matthew's Gospel today begins by identifying a series of reversals. For example, "The poor in spirit" and not the rich will have the Kingdom of Heaven. Similarly, those who mourn, not those crying out for attention, will be comforted. (I am sure you remember how it continues?) The beauty of this passage is that for All Saints' Day the words put everything together, and at the same time leave enough unsaid.

Allow me to conclude with the words from a hymn by Richard Baxter (1616-91) who was among those who protested at the formality of the C of E to the extent that he left at the Restoration. He wrote "When I was silenced and cast out." As in the Beatitudes we sometimes have to reach the depths to discover the full measure of God's love.

He wants not friends that hath thy love, And may converse and walk with thee.
And with thy saints here and above, With whom for ever I must be.
As for my friends, they are not lost; The several vessels of thy fleet,
Though parted now, by tempest tossed, Shall safely in thy haven meet.
The heavenly hosts, world without end, shall be my company above;
And thou my best and surest friend, Who shall divide me from thy love.

With blessings, John Cooper

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