

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St Mary's Sunday 26th October 2025 Last after Trinity



A very warm welcome to St. Mary's
Please do stay for refreshments after the
10.30am service

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (said)

Revd Ian Bird

10.30am CHORAL EUCHARIST

Canon Anthony Clegg

(followed by Sunday School for children in St Mary's Rooms)

6.30pm. CHORAL EVENSONG

Revd Jo Levasier

10.30am Choral Eucharist

Processional: 198
Gradual: 157 (i)
Offertory: 194
Communion: 255
Post Communion: 123 (i)
Psalm: 65 v.1-7

Setting:

Motet: O Come Ye Servants

Tye

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Responses: *Radcliffe*
Psalm: 119 v.1-8
Office Hymn: 426
Canticles: *Ireland in F*
Anthem: *Sicut Cervus*

Palestrina

Hymns: 97(i), 212(i)

Readings for 8.00am & 10.30am

Joel 2:23-end
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Readings for 6.30pm

Ecclesiastes 11:12
2 Timothy 2:1-7

Churchwardens

Avril Harris & Ray Davis

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:

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.

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.

ST MARY'S DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Daily (Mon– Sat)	8.00am	Morning Prayer – All Welcome
Tuesday 28 th	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Wednesday 29 th	10.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom
	11.00am	Holy Communion in the chapel
Thursday 30 th	12.00pm	Funeral: Brian Barker
Friday 31 st	5.30/6.30pm	Children/Adults Choir practice

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 2nd November – All Saints Day – 4th before Advent

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

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS SUNDAY: 26th October 2025 - Last Sunday after Trinity
CLOCKS GO *BACK* ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT

**10am Celebration Service with St Mark's Band
followed by Refreshments in the Church Room**

Theme: Special Offer – The Cross Rev Dave Richards

“Wear it Pink!” Raising money for Breast Cancer Research

*People are welcome to arrive at 10am for the Celebration Service
or 11am for the Refreshments (with donations for “Wear it Pink!
Breast Cancer Now). Gluten-free refreshments available.*

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK : HALF-TERM

- **St. Mark's Church & Garden Open** 10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat
- Mon 27th: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall with Citizens Advice, help with technology and Community Pantry
- Mon 27th: **Choir Rehearsal** 6:15pm - 7pm Church Room
- Wed 29th: **Prayer & Share**: 10am - 10:45am Church Room
- Sat 1st Nov: **Jumble Sale** at Herston Village Hall 10am – 12noon. Free Entry. Cuppa & Cakes. Donated items can be dropped off on Thursday 30th October from 5pm - 7pm or Friday 31st from 3pm - 6pm.

NEXT SUNDAY: 2nd November 2025 – All Saints

10am Holy Communion: *Rev Dave Richards*

Bible Theme: Daniel 7.1-3,15-18 Ephesians 1.11-23 Luke 6.20-31

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

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

Thanks: to everyone who has been amazingly creative decorating the Church for Harvest. Thanks also to everyone who contributed to the substantial Harvest Lunch, and thanks to people for donations to the Swanage Foodbank. Dave took a full car-load of food items to the Swanage Foodbank on Friday morning from Church members and from St Mark's School.

A Service in Which to Remember: Sunday 2nd November, 3:30pm at St Mary's Church. St Mark's members will serve tea, coffee and cakes after the Service and someone from St Mary's, who knows where everything is, will work with us. Please see Dave or Carol 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: 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.

Donations for the work of St Mark's Church are always welcome:

There's a plate for cash donations on top of the font and a QR code on a poster on the wall near the font. If you've got the QR App on your mobile phone, you can click on the code, and it goes straight to the donations page. Thank you to everyone for your donations, however they're given.

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 Church News check out our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StMarksHerston

St Mark's Website: www.achurchnearyou.com/St-Mark-Herston

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

St Mark's Church, Herston, is part of the Swanage & Studland Team



Sunday 26 October 2025
Holy Communion 10.00am
Revd Ian Bird &
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, please ask. Or if you would prefer to have a blessing, just bring this Notice Sheet with you to the communion rail, to give an indication to the priest. 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 the 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 do not pass around a collection plate at St Nicholas' Church, but we are most appreciative of donations to help maintain both the Church and its ministry. We have a traditional plate for cash donations with Gift Aid envelopes available as well as a contactless card payments station at the exit to the Church. If you would like to make regular donations, please consider setting up a Standing Order with your bank: if this is of interest, please contact the Treasurer, Eric Stobart at eric@thestobarts.co.uk. Later this year, we are looking to move to the Parish Giving Scheme which should streamline making donations on a regular basis.

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, please 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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SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY
St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas'
26 October 2025 – Bible Sunday

Reading for this Sunday is: :Romans 15, 1 - 6

Gospel Reading: Luke 4, 16 - 24

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' ²³ He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' ²⁴ And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.

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
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we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus
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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.

TEAM NOTICES

Sunday School (every 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month). All children in school years 4-9 are welcome to join us for our Sunday School following the service this morning in St Mary's Rooms, finishing at 12.30pm. Come for snacks and fun activities!

A Service in Which to Remember: 2nd 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.

The Leprosy Mission – Gabby North sends her grateful thanks for the splendid sum of £353.50 as a result of her visit to St Mary's on 5th October. Please read her letter on the Notice Board in the porch. *Thank you. Rosemary Carpenter*

Community Coffee Studland's Community Coffee Morning has moved back to the Church Hall for the winter season. Please join us on Thursday mornings from 10am to 11am – for coffee, cake and conversation. We'd love to see you there.

Swanage Town Remembrance Service – 9th 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, 16th November at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church.

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.

T-Pot is held every Wednesday from 10.00am to 12.30pm in the Rectory Classroom. So if you are on your own on a Wednesday or new to the area and would like to meet others, come along for a cuppa and a chat.



Friday Fun Club – there will be no club on 31st Oct as it is half term but will be back as usual on Friday 7th November. The club meets on Friday evenings 6.30-8pm in the Rectory Classroom, during term time, for years 4-9 to enjoy food, games and chat. All are welcome.

Funerals in our churches:

Diane Barraclough	Tues 28 th Oct	12 noon	Poole Crematorium
Brian Barker	Thurs 30 th Oct	12 noon	St Mary's

Team Contact details

Team Rector	Revd Dr Ian Bird Tel: 01929 422916 (normal day off Friday)
Team Vicar	Revd Jo Levasier Tel 01929 208217 (normal day off Monday)
Parish Administrator	Karon Quirey swanage.team@btconnect.com
Parish Office	Tues & Weds 9am-5pm / Friday 9am – 4pm Tel: 01929 421117

REFLECTION

Luke 18:9-14

The parables in the Bible cause us to face the truth of who we are in Christ, and the reality of our relationship with him as believers and today's parable is no exception.

On the one hand we have the Pharisee who seems to have turned his faith and spiritual practices into a competition, and is keen to show himself to be better than others. On the other hand, we have the tax collector, who on the face of it would be in more spiritual peril than the Pharisee, but proves himself in fact to have a much more genuine and honest relationship with God. But the Pharisee still insists on distancing himself from those who he sees as sinners, overlooking the obvious genuine piety of the tax collector and judging him based on what little he knows of his lifestyle.

The reality of the human condition is that we are often tempted to compare ourselves to others, to judge, and to keep score. For our children and young people this exacerbated by our present-day social media culture where we can be overwhelmed by the barrage of celebrities and influencers telling us what we need to buy, wear, do, and the lifestyles we must lead to be better, do better, live better than our neighbour.

The reality is however that with God we always have the opportunity to do better, to be better. We always have the chance to begin again, to be forgiven and find our renewal in Jesus Christ our saviour. Rather than comparing ourselves with or judging others, this parable invites us to be honest in our own relationship with God and to surrender to the reality that we all need God in our lives.

Revd Natalie Davies