

TEAM NOTICES

Come and be part of the **National Week of Prayer for the UK**, Sat 6th – Sun 14th Sept: Gather. Remember, Return: The nationwide vision is: “As the body of Christ, we are gathering across the UK and beyond; to humble ourselves, repent and pray for lives to be transformed by Jesus, as a spiritual awakening continues in the nations.” During the week there will be a range of prayer opportunities across all the different churches in Swanage and Studland. See the posters or flyer in the Sept magazine for full details.

Ride & Stride, raising money for Dorset Historic Churches Trust, Saturday 13th September 2025. Join in a Swanage & Studland Team walk (option of 4 miles, 6 miles or 8 miles) starting at St Mark's Church at 10:30am. Contact Anne Roper 01929 427890 / anne.roper@outlook.com for further information. 50% of money raised will come back to the Swanage & Studland Team.

Toddler Group: The team is launching a new Toddler Group based at All Saints' Church on Monday mornings from September. Volunteers are needed and if you are interested in helping please contact Suzanne Dominy on 07496 201815 or on e-mail: communityprojects@swanageteam.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 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.

T-Pot is taking a summer break and will be back with you on Wednesday 3rd September. Have a great August - from the T-Pot Team.



Funerals in our churches:

Valerie Scott

Weds 3 Sept

1.00pm

St Nicholas, Studland

REFLECTION

Isaiah 43:8-14 Acts 5:12-16 Luke 22:24-30

24th August is celebrated as the **Feast of St Bartholomew the Apostle** in the Western Church. We know very little about Bartholomew, aside from the fact that he is listed as one of the 12 in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and in the book of Acts. He is, also, usually identified as the Nathanael of John chapter 1, of whom Jesus said: *“Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!”* The later Christian traditions associated with Bartholomew are historically questionable. Not surprisingly, therefore, our readings today concentrate on the wider ministry of Apostleship.

In Luke 22, we read of a dispute among the 12 about who is the greatest. Jesus quashes this dispute in no uncertain terms! *“The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ... I am among you as one who serves”.* (Luke 22:26-27)

In Acts 5, we see an example of the apostles undertaking this humble service - an extensive ministry of healing, ministering to the deepest needs of the people around them. The apostles might appear to be celebrities, but, as anyone who has been involved in this sort of ministry will testify, it is an exhausting and emotionally draining service.

The key word here is **service**. Isaiah reminds us that God’s people are **witnesses**, but also **servants**. All that we do, as His people, should be done in a spirit of service to Him and, as He leads us, in service to those around us.

Although we know little of Bartholomew, we can be certain that Jesus chose him, *“...truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit”*, to be a faithful witness to the Good News of Jesus, and a servant, as Jesus himself served.

Rev'd David Richards

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SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St Mary's Sunday 24th August 2025 Trinity 10



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

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

10.30am Choral Eucharist

Processional:	2
Gradual:	122
Gospel:	144
Offertory:	133
Communion:	266 (omit *)
Post Communion:	247 (ii)
Setting:	<i>Nardone</i> Mass

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Responses:	<i>Plainsong</i>
Psalm:	116
Office Hymn:	238
Canticles:	<i>Chants</i> (3)
Anthem:	Spirit of the Living God <i>Paul Leddington-Wright</i>
Hymns:	299, 223

Readings for 8.00am & 10.30am

Isaiah 43:8-14
Acts 5:12-16
Luke 22:24-30

Readings for 6.30pm

Deuteronomy 18:15-19
Matthew 10:1-15

Churchwardens

Avril Harris & Ray Davis

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect:

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
 be open to the prayers of your humble
 servants;
 and that they may obtain their petitions
 make them to ask such things as shall please
 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:

God of our pilgrimage,
 you have willed that the gate of mercy
 should stand open for those who trust in
 you:
 look upon us with your favour
 that we who follow the path of your will
 may never wander from the way of life;
 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.

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 26 th	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Wednesday 27 th	11.00am	Holy Communion with Healing in the chapel
Saturday 30 th	1.00pm	Baptism: Tilly Parker

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 31st August - Trinity 11

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 Jo Levasier</i>

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS SUNDAY: 17th August 2025 – Trinity 9

10am Holy Communion *Rev Dave Richards*

Bible Theme: Jeremiah 23:23-29 Hebrews 11: 29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

Followed by Coffee and Cake in the Church Room

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

5:30pm (Access from 5:15pm) Lifeboat Service on Swanage Pier with Bishop Stephen - Everyone welcome, as we celebrate 150 years of the RNLI in Swanage.

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

- **St. Mark's Church & Garden Open** 10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat
- Mon 18th: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall
- Mon 18th: **St Mark's Choir Rehearsal** 6:15pm - 7pm Church Room
- Tue 19th: **Fortnightly Bible Study:** 6:45pm for refreshments and 7pm - 8:30pm Bible Study and discussion, in the Church Room
- Wed 20th: **Walk and Pray for our Community:** *Meet at the bottom of Days Road, where it joins High Street, at 10am, and we'll walk and pray for the residents at the western end of St Mark's area (Days Rd, Sydenham Rd, Holmes Rd, High St and side roads) and also St Mark's School + Swanage School. If wet, we'll meet at Church.*
- Wed 20th: **Town Band Concert at the Bandstand:** 7pm. If wet, at the Methodist Church at 7:30pm. Free with a charity collection.

Ride + Stride: Saturday 13th September. Meet at St Mark's Church at 10:30am. Option of walk to Worth, back to Acton (4 miles) and bus to Swanage, or walk on from Worth to Kingston (total 6 miles) and bus back, or walk on to Corfe (total 8 miles) and bus back. See poster for full details. Donations for Dorset Historic Churches Trust.

NEXT SUNDAY: 24th August 2025 - St Bartholemew's Day

10am Rev Natalie's 1st Celebration of Holy

Communion at St Mark's: *Rev Natalie Davies & Rev D Richards*

Bible Theme: Isaiah 43:8-13 Acts 5:12-16 Luke 22:24-30

Followed by Celebratory Refreshments in the Church Room

1pm Baptism of Luna (6) and baby Arwen at St Mark's

Celebration Service with St Mark's Band: 31st August at 10am and Church welcome for Luna and Arwen.

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 9th Sunday after Trinity: *Almighty God,* who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet 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

St Mark's is also on Instagram and Bluesky: [stmarksherston](https://bsky.app/profile/stmarksherston)

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

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

Donations for the work of St Mark's 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.

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



Sunday 17th August 2025
Morning Prayer 10.00am
Revd John Cooper

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

And a special welcome if you are new to our church or are visiting the area!

We are always delighted to welcome children to our church. Please do not worry if they are noisy or need to run around, we are just delighted to have you all 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 normally have a special Family Communion on the first Sunday of each month – and would love to see you again then.

We do not pass around a collection plate at St Nicholas, but, if you would like to contribute to the upkeep of the Church, your donation would be gratefully received. We have a traditional plate for cash donations (and there are gift aid envelopes too) and we also have a payment station to take card payments: again, there is a facility for adding gift aid to your payment.

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

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SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY
St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas'
17th August 2025 – Trinity 9

1st Reading:: Hebrews 11, 1-3. 8-16

2nd Reading: Luke 12. 49-56

Psalm 119:33-41

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
Turn my heart to your decrees
and not to selfish gain.
Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
be gracious to me^[a] according to your word.
Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.
Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.
See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness be gracious to me.^[b]
Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord,
your salvation according to your promise.

Collect:

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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.