

TEAM NOTICES

Tuesday 30th September at 7pm. Bishop Karen is coming to St Mark's Church to License Revd Dave Richards as an official member of the Team (rather than a retired priest) and to re-activate the Licenses of Carol Richards and Jane Hawsworth as Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs). There will be a Service followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome.

St Mary's Harvest Festival service will be held on Sunday 5th October at 10.30am. Gabby North from The Leprosy Mission will also be speaking at the service.

The Rev'd Dr Nick Brown, son of Bill and Liz Brown, is being installed as a Canon of Windsor on Thursday 2nd October at 5.15pm at St George's Chapel, Windsor. All are welcome to attend. Please be at the Henry VIII Gate to the castle by 5pm.

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!



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 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. We'd love to see you.



Friday Fun Club – meets on Friday evenings 6.30-8pm in the Rectory Classroom for 10-13 yr olds to enjoy food, games and chat. All are welcome.

Team Contact details

Team Rector

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REFLECTION

Genesis 28: 10-17, Revelation 12: 7-12 John 1:47-end

'Twenty Million Sweethearts', starring Dick Powell and Ginger Rogers had a great song with lyrics by Al Dubin and composed by Harry Warren. More easily remembered by its first verse, "You may not be an angel, cos angels are so few, but until the day when one comes along, I'll string along with you."

There have been many songs in popular musical culture as well as the classics in all genres that feature angels, so I suggest, that we, as we worship might ask ourselves, "do we believe in angels as a part of our everyday life?" After all, Angels are not just for Christmas.

So let us begin with Scripture. The word 'angel' comes to us from the Greek word 'angelos' and can be translated 'messenger', which is useful in understanding some, though not all, of the functions angels perform in the Bible. However I think we can broadly categorise the biblical tradition about angels as falling into three areas: angels as manifestations of God's presence on earth, angels as God's companions in heaven, and angels as distinct, occasionally named, beings with specific roles or functions to perform.

Perhaps the three best-known of the angels are the archangel Michael, the commander of the heavenly armies in the book of Revelation, after whom our festival today is named; Raphael, the healing angel who accompanies Tobias on his travels; and most celebrated of all, Gabriel, the heavenly messenger who comes to Daniel at the time of the evening sacrifice, and to Mary in Luke's gospel with news of Jesus' conception.

St Michael does not seem to follow the characteristics that we tend to attach to angels. We read of a blood thirsty war between God and Satan. The outcome of this war was pivotal to God's reign and Michael was the commander in chief. Compare him with Raphael or Gabriel, or indeed the angel that we might hold dear.

My rather flippant opening does not do justice to the power of an angel. One who comes when least expected and most needed. Not an entity in itself but a messenger from God. Was it Abba who sang "I believe in angels? So do I.

With Autumn blessings
John Cooper

SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY

St Mary's Sunday 28th September 2025 St Michael & All Angels



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

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (said)

Revd Natalie Davies

10.30am CHORAL EUCHARIST

Canon Anthony Clegg

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

6.30pm. CHORAL EVENSONG

Revd Ian Bird

10.30am Choral Eucharist

Processional: 198
Gradual: 303 (i)
Offertory: 199
Communion: 256
Post Communion: 304 (omit *)
Psalm: 103 v.19-end
Setting: *Darke in F/Aston*

Motet: God be in my Head
Fawcett

Voluntary: 'Final' Symphony 1
Guilmant

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Responses: *Ayleward*
Psalm: 91 v.1-10
Office Hymn: 320
Canticles: *Stanford in C*
Anthem: Angels *Lole*
Hymns: 319 (omit *), 324 (ii)

Readings for 8.00am & 10.30am

Genesis 28:10-17
Revelation 12:7-12
John 1:47-end

Readings for 6.30pm

2 Kings 6:8-17
Matthew 18:1-6, 10

Churchwardens

Avril Harris & Ray Davis

Director of Music

Simon Lole

(please contact via the Parish Office)

Collect:

Everlasting God,
 you have ordained and constituted the
 ministries of angels and mortals in a
 wonderful order:
 grant that as your holy angels always serve
 you in heaven,
 so, at your command
 they may help and defend us on earth;
 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:

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.

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 30 th	2.30pm	All Things Bright & Beautiful service
Wednesday 1 st Oct	10.00am 11.00am	T-Pot in the Rectory Classroom Holy Communion in the chapel
Friday 3 rd	5.30/6.30pm 6.30pm	Children/Adults Choir practice Friday Fun Club in Rectory Classroom
Sunday 5 th		Sunday School in St Mary's Rooms after the 10.30am service

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY 5th October – Harvest Festival

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (said)	<i>Revd Ian Bird</i>
10.30am	HARVEST FESTIVAL	<i>Revd Natalie Davies & Gabby North</i>
6.30pm	CHORAL EVENSONG	<i>Revd Dave Richards</i>

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS SUNDAY: 28th September 2025 – Trinity 15

10am Celebration Service with St Mark's Band:

Theme: Special Offer – Compassion and Healing (Acts 3:1 - 10)

Rev Dave Richards

Followed by Coffee and Cake in the Church Room

Gluten/wheat-free refreshments available

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

- **St. Mark's Church & Garden Open** 10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat
- Mon 29th: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall
- Mon 29th: **Funeral of Patricia (Paddy) Rideal** 12:30pm St. Mark's
- Mon 29th: **Full Choir and Music Practice for the Licensing Service** (including Studland Choir) 6:15pm - 7:30pm in Church
- Tue 30th: **St Mark's Junior Singing Club:** Church Room 3:30pm - 4:20pm, for children in School years 3 to 6. FREE
- Tue 30th: **Licensing Service at St Mark's 7pm:** Bishop Karen will license Dave as an official member of the Team (rather than a retired priest) and will re-activate Carol's License as a Lay Minister (dormant since she moved to Salisbury Diocese). Jane Hawksworth from Studland will also be re-licensed as an LLM. There will be a Service and refreshments. Everyone's welcome.
- Wed 1st October: **Prayer & Share** 10am - 10:45am Church Room

NEXT SUNDAY: 5th October 2025 – Trinity 16

10am Holy Communion: *Rev Dave Richards*

Bible Theme: Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4 2 Timothy 1.1-14 Luke 17.5-10

Followed by Coffee and Cake in the Church Room

6pm Invitation to "Worship @ 6" at Emmanuel Baptist Church

Swanage Neighbourhood Plan: This document is important because it shapes the future development of the town. There are some consultation events coming up and anyone is welcome to turn up and comment on the plans: Wednesday 1st October 10am - 2pm at All Saints' Church Hall
OR Wednesday 8th October 3pm - 7pm at Herston Village Hall OR
Wednesday 15th October 10am - 2pm at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Celebrate Churches Together (AGM): Wednesday 8th October 7pm at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

“Many Hands” Action Morning: Saturday 11th October 10am - 1pm, everyone welcome as we do gardening, cleaning and tackle odd jobs. If you'd like to work outside, please bring your own gardening gloves, if you want to work inside, then please bring cleaning stuff etc etc. Coffee & cake provided. If it's very wet, we'll rearrange for 18th October.

Farmer Teddy's Harvest Picnic: Sunday 12th October 3pm - 4:30pm at St Mark's Church, for children aged 2 - 6 with at least 1 grown-up. A FREE afternoon of fun, craft, songs, stories and yummy treats.

Any Questions? Tuesday 14th October, URC 7pm. A Presentation by Canon Professor Vernon White, “Faith and Ethics in a Secular World”.

St Mark's Church Harvest Festival: Sunday 19th October at the later time of 11am, followed by a Bring-and-Share Lunch. Drinks provided. Everyone is welcome. Nearer the date there will be a list to sign about the food you can bring. There will also be a Harvest collection of food for Swanage Foodbank and people are invited to help decorate the Church.

“Wear It Pink!” The next Celebration Service with St Mark's Band is on Sunday 26th October at 10am, raising money for Breast Cancer Research.

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 15th Sunday after Trinity: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.



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



Sunday 28 September 2025
Harvest Festival 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 new to our church or are visiting the area! Today is our annual Harvest Festival, a very special service for a Church like St Nicholas which is surrounded by fields and farms.

Some of you will have brought harvest gifts to the service today. Any food items will be given to the Food Bank in nearby Swanage. We collect regularly for the Food Bank, so please do not worry if you have nothing with you today; if you would like to donate food, please bring it another time, and leave your donation in the plastic box in the church porch.

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 check our website www.studlandchurch.com or 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'
28 September 2025 – Harvest Festival

1st Reading: Joel 2:21-28

²¹ Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things!

²² Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. ²³ O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. ²⁴ The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵ I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. ²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁸ Then afterwards will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-33

²⁵ Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.