

- - TEAM NOTES - -

The **four churches are now open** as follows:

St Mary's daily from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

St Mark's 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

St Nicholas' daily 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

All Saints' daily from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Choral Evensong at St Mary's, 6.30pm with the choir occupying the north aisle area (where the chairs are) and the congregation the pews. Still no congregational singing, but the choir, suitably distanced will sing the service as we are used to hearing.

Church services. The following are the arrangements for next Sunday, 25th October, Last Sunday after Trinity:

At 8.00 a.m. in All Saints' and in St Mary's (both Holy Communion)

At 10.00 a.m. in St Mark's and St Nicholas' (This will be a service of the word each Sunday throughout October - so no Holy Communion yet)

At 10.30 a.m. in St Mary's - Choral Eucharist.

At 10.30 a.m. in All Saints' - A service in church, for which you will need to register which is to be live streamed. Simply go the All Saints website at www.allsaints-swanage.org and follow the links..

At 6.30 p.m. in St Mary's Choral Evensong

We shall also continue with on-line services for the foreseeable future:

A simple Sunday service continues to be prepared for the team website every week, including hymns and a short homily www.swanageteam.com

St Nicholas' Studland in addition to the actual 10.00 a.m. Service of the Word each Sunday continue with a service which any individual can join via Zoom at 6.30 pm every week. To join the service please email Tony to request the link for this Sunday on revtonyhiggins@btinternet.com.

The Reverend Solveig Sonet was ordained in St Mary's Church Swanage on Saturday 26th September. You can now watch a video recording of the service at <https://youtu.be/oMjdJfKT7zw>.

A Service in which we Remember - Sunday 1st November. This year, in order to hold the service in St Mary's and to accommodate all those who wish to come and remember a loved one and light a candle, with the current restrictions, we are shortening the service to half an hour and holding it twice, at 5.30 p.m. and 6.30. p.m. ***It will be necessary to register to come.*** You will need to send the names of each person attending with contact details to Karon, specifying if you would prefer the 5.30 p.m. or the 6.30 p.m. service. Numbers will be limited to 50 at each. Lists of those whose names are to be read out in the service should be in the four churches from this Sunday. Karon's email address is: swanage.team@btconnect.com

SWANAGE & STUDLAND

TEAM MINISTRY

St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas'
18th October 2020 – Trinity 19 – St Luke

St Luke's Day, falling on a Sunday this year, gives us good reason to concentrate our thoughts and prayers on the Church's Healing Ministry. The fact that Luke was a physician and an evangelist, but above all, from most people's knowledge, the author of the Gospel account that bears his name, and the Acts of the Apostles, makes him a key figure in the New Testament.

This Sunday we are taking the breadth of what Luke touched and wrote about, to his honoured acquaintance Theophilus, and placing its bearing upon what we try to follow in our involvement in Christ's healing compassion and mercy in Swanage and Studland in 2020. This means that we are firstly giving thanks, secondly acknowledging dependence and thirdly encouraging involvement.

We give thanks for all the healing work that is experienced in our daily lives. This is as broad as you like to think of it. From healing that we can only envisage as being miraculous, so unexpected and remarkable as it has been, to the restoring effects of the smile and things of beauty in our lives that can bring an instant lifting of the spirits. Between these things there are the work and prayers of literally countless people, as we see medical and other health care working within the Church's deeply prayerful concern.

This leads us very naturally to observe how, when we are unwell, we turn in dependence upon those who can help, and ultimately on God, as an extension of our daily living in harmony with the world and its creator and redeemer. For in Christ all things in our lives find meaning.

Encouraging involvement can be seen on many levels as we dwell on what things create a healing environment, both for those around us and in the wider, and often much more traumatic, situations in the world today. Our pastoral support in this parish is shared through prayer and personal contact, and all may play a part even quietly in the silence of each and every heart that raises a prayer to God for someone in need.

John Mann