

# WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



## THIS SUNDAY: 8<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**10am Holy Communion** *Rev Dave Richards*

*Bible Theme: Malachi 3:1-4 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6*

***Followed by Coffee & Cake in the Church Room***

*Gluten/wheat-free: Please talk to the Welcomer if you'd like a gluten-free Communion Wafer. Also, gluten/wheat-free refreshments after the Service.*

**4pm Lights of Love Remembrance Service** at Emmanuel Baptist Church, following the Christmas Tree Festival

## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

- **St Mark's Church & Garden** open 10am - 4pm Monday - Saturday
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup>: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup>: **St Mark's School KS2 Carol Service** at Church 1:30pm
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup>: **Choir Practice**, Church Room 6:15pm - 7pm
- Tue 10<sup>th</sup>: **St Mark's School KS1 Nativity** at the School 1:30pm
- Tue 10<sup>th</sup>: **Junior Singing Club**, Church Room 3:30pm - 4:25pm
- Tue 10<sup>th</sup>: **Bible Study & Christmas Party** Church Rm 7pm - 9pm
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup>: **Prayer & Share** 10am - 10:45am in the Church Room
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup>: **Swanage Town Band Carols at the Bandstand:** 6:30pm – if wet it will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup>: **St Mark's School Christmas Fair**, School Hall 3:15pm
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup>: **Belvedere Singers Concert at St Mary's**, 7:30pm  
Tickets £9, under 18s free.

## NEXT SUNDAY: 15<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**10am Holy Communion** *Rev John Cooper & Rev Dave Richards*

*Bible Theme: Zephaniah 3:14-20 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18*

***Followed by Coffee & Cake in the Church Room***

***Please collect your copy of Church Alive! from Church, plus the leaflet with details of all the Christmas Services & events in the Team***

**One Christmas Card to Friends at Church:** People are welcome to give one Christmas Card to all Church members and pin it on the board and give a donation to Routes to Roots working with homeless people.

**Delivering Christmas Cards to Herston Residents:** If you can help, please take a pack from the table in the Church Room.

**The Worth Carols:** Purbeck Village Quire will be performing the West Gallery Christmas Carols, written in Worth Matravers by the Corben brothers, at the Square & Compass on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm

**Celebrate Christmas with the Salamanda Swing Band:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at the Studio, Mowlem Theatre, at 7:30pm. Tickets £10 in advance from Sue's Cards or online (see poster) or £12 on the door.

**ST MARK'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December after the Morning Service, in the Church Room - **Christmas Jumpers welcome (or maybe just a Christmas scarf or tie?).** It will be wonderful if a few people are able to bring along some party food and drink.

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### **COLLECT (SPECIAL PRAYER) FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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➤PLEASE let Dave (07779079844) know of anyone who is unwell, in hospital or housebound who would like a visit.



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