



Sunday 8th December 2024

Holy Communion 10.00am

Revd Ian Bird

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! This is a Holy Communion service, and you are very welcome to take Communion with us. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please just ask. Or if you would prefer to have a blessing, it would be helpful if you could 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 need to run around: we are just delighted to have them 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. 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.

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. If you would like to give regularly to support the Church, please email Andrew Goodwin, on ***bayviewgardens@btinternet.com***

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!

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SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY
St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas'
Sunday 8th December 2024 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

Reading for this Sunday: Malachi 3:1-4

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

Collect:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us;
your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Post Communion:

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