

# TEAM NOTICES

You are warmly invited to a **Service of Prayer for Ukraine** TODAY Sunday 23 February 2025 at 3 pm at All Saints' Church, 26 Ulwell Road, Swanage, BH19 1LL. Followed by tea and Ukrainian cakes in the church hall.

**Church Electoral Roll** - Please remember to complete your electoral roll renewal form if you haven't already done so. The deadline for submission is 28<sup>th</sup> February.

We are holding a **coffee morning in aid of The Leprosy Mission** on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March (10:00 – 11:30 am). It will be in The Rectory Classroom and there will be tea/coffee, cakes/biscuits, a quiz with prize, and a book sale. Everyone is welcome and, if you feel that you might be able to help, we would love to hear from you. Paul Baird (07802431012 – Paulbaird@aol.com)

**Charity Antiques Valuation Day** coming to Studland Village Hall, Saturday March 1st 2025, 10am - 12.30pm. (*more details in our parish magazines – 'Church Alive' and 'Studland Parish News' which are also on our website under News & Events.*)

The **World Day of Prayer 2025** will be held on **Friday March 7th** in **St George's Church, Langton Matravers** at **10.30am**. This uplifting service has been prepared by the Christian Women of The Cook Islands and based on Psalm 139. It is entitled '**God Made You Wonderful**'.

**Any Questions?** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm for 7pm at Swanage URC. Theme: 'What on earth is heaven?'

**An Afternoon Recital** of classical, choral and modern music at St Mary's on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2-3pm with Karen Grant and Simon Lole. Retiring collection in aid of St Mary's Church and Purbeck Youth Music.

**All Things Bright and Beautiful** takes place in St Mary's Church each Tuesday from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. All are welcome.

Our regular weekly **T-Pot** has been cancelled for **Weds 26<sup>th</sup> Feb** and **5<sup>th</sup> March** due to the Rectory Classroom being redecorated.

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*Funerals in our churches:*

<b>Janet Enoch</b>	Mon 24 Feb	12.00 noon	St Mark's
<b>Pamela Primavesi</b>	Fri 28 Feb	11.00am	St Nicholas

## Team Contact details

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# REFLECTION

## Luke 8: 22-25

Have you ever been in a boat on the sea in a storm? It is an awesome experience. In today's Gospel we meet terrified disciples sailing through a storm and waking up Jesus in total panic. Awake, he rebukes the wind and waves and calm descends once more upon the waters. An incredible miracle that teaches us a great deal about Jesus, his lordship and power, and about our relationship with him.

It is interesting to note that when the sea is mentioned in the Bible often it is as a metaphor representing chaos and disorder. For example, in the Book of Revelation when it says that there will be no sea in heaven, it is a metaphor to say that there will be no chaos in heaven. Everything will be peaceful and ordered.

So in this story when Jesus calms the storm and the sea is stilled, it can be read as a symbol for us that God can still the chaos and disorder in our lives. Though we might hope otherwise, life is often unpredictable. We don't know what surprises lie in store for us from day to day. There are times in our lives which are peaceful and calm, but also times when we are fearful and life is chaotic, like we are at the mercy of a storm. Perhaps a financial crisis, an illness, a bereavement, a breakdown of relationship. And we cry out to God in prayer. In these difficult times, we believe that the Lord will hear us, will rebuke the storm, and the chaos in our lives will be stilled.

The disciples were desperate; their lives were in danger and they thought they would perish. Their faith was weak but, in their weakness, they called out to Jesus. He heard them and rescued them. What happened to those first disciples still happens to us today.

Revd Ian Bird