

# WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



**THIS SUNDAY: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**10am Holy Communion**     *Rev Dr Ian Bird*

*Bible Theme: Acts 9.36-43   Revelation 7.9-17   John 10.22-30*

***Followed by Coffee and Cake in the Church Room, with donations to Christian Aid (Christian Aid Week 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May)***

*Gluten/wheat-free: Please talk to the Welcomer if you'd like a gluten-free Communion Wafer. We also have gluten/wheat-free refreshments*

## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

- **CHURCH & GARDEN OPEN** 10am - 4pm, Monday - Saturday
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup>: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon, Herston Village Hall
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup>: **Choir Practice** 6:15pm - 7pm in the Church Room
- Tue 13<sup>th</sup>: **Any Questions?:** All Saints' Church, 5 Redcliffe Road, Swanage BH19 1LZ. The speaker is Revd Dr Paul Weston, and the theme is "Sharing Faith in a Secular Culture". Doors open at 6:30pm for coffee/tea, and the presentation starts at 7pm.
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup>: **Prayer & Share** 10am - 10:45am in the Church Room
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>: **PCC Meeting:** 7:30pm. Members please check your Agenda for details of the venue.
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup>: **140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Swanage Station.** Ceremony at 1pm, it's free to stand on the platform and Victorian dress is encouraged. The Town Band will be playing.
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup>: **Concert by the Belvedere Singers**, 7:30pm at St Mary's Church. Entry £9, U18's free. Tickets from Pearl or on the door.

**NEXT SUNDAY: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**10am Holy Communion**     *Rev John Cooper*

*Bible Theme: Acts 11.1-18   Revelation 21.1-6   John 13.31-35*

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

**Swanage Library & Friends Showcase:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 5pm-7pm. People are invited to go along to see what the library can offer.

**Town Band Concert at the Bandstand:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm. If wet, the concert will be in the Methodist Church at 7:30pm.

**R.I.P. Barbara Rose:** Barbara's Funeral is on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. There is a family cremation in the morning, and a Memorial Service followed by tea & cakes at St Mark's Church at 2:30pm.

**Christian Aid Emergency Collection for Myanmar:** Thank you to everyone who donated to this special appeal. St Mark's raised a total of £83.50 (including Gift Aid), which is marvelous given the fact that we raised over £600 for Christian Aid during Lent.

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**COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter:** Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Donations for the work of St Mark's are always welcome:**

There's a plate for cash donations on top of the font and a QR code on a poster on the wall near the font. If you've got the QR App on your mobile phone, you can click on the code, and it goes straight to the donations page. Thank you to everyone for your donations, however they're given.

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



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St Mark's Website: [www.achurchnearyou.com/St-Mark-Herston](https://www.achurchnearyou.com/St-Mark-Herston)

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