



Sunday 11th May 2025
Holy Communion 10.00am
Rev'd John Cooper

A very warm welcome to our service this morning in St Nicholas Church, Studland

And a special welcome if you are a visitor to our Church this morning! 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 make a break for freedom: we are just delighted to have the children 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.

For regular updates on Church activities throughout the week, find us on www.achurchnearyou.com You can also follow us on Facebook. (St Nicholas Church Studland) – do give us a like or two!

St Nicholas Church in Studland is part of the **Swanage and Studland Team Ministry**.
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SWANAGE & STUDLAND TEAM MINISTRY
St. Mary's – St. Mark's – All Saints' – St. Nicholas'
11 May 2025 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Reading for this Sunday is: Acts 9.36 - end

Gospel Reading: John 10.22-30

²² At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, ^[a] tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, ^[b] and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

Collect:

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.

Post 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.

TEAM NOTES

Christian Aid Week 11th -17th May. This week is Christian Aid Week and, if you are able, please support Christian Aid in their vital work of fighting for a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. You can donate via the envelopes around church or online. Thank You.

Tony and Feli's Retirement Party. We all had a great time at the party on Saturday afternoon – which was a fitting tribute to a wonderful couple, Thanks from us all to Barbara Matthews who was the Organiser-in-Chief of the celebrations. Thanks, too, to the Women's Institute whose members provided delightful teas and to the Village Hall Committee who decorated the Hall with bunting. For the occasion, Sue Stares had knitted uncanningly realistic figures of Tony (complete with a Bible) and Feli (with an appropriate basket of flowers), while Ian Pillow produced a very funny song, celebrating Tony's wonderful sermons and his unique approach to playing the tambourine, A good time truly was had by all.

Community Coffee Down on the Farm Studland's Community Coffee Morning has moved to the Manor Farm for the summer. Join us on Thursday mornings from 10am to 11am – for coffee, scones and conversation. We'd love to see you there.

Ascension Day Service 29th May at 6.30am – a date for your diary! Holy Communion in St Nicholas Church followed by breakfast in the Church Hall.

'Come & Sing' Choral Evensong this evening, 11th May at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church. Our guest this month is Ian Wicks, Rugby School. *Come and Sing* event is open to all singers. Arrival at St Mary's is for a 4.00pm rehearsal start. Cups of tea are provided between the rehearsal end and the service start at 6.30pm. All Welcome. Music provided. Just come and sing!

"Sharing Faith in a Secular Culture" is the theme of an *Any Questions* presentation by the Revd Dr Paul Weston at All Saints' Church on **Tuesday May 13th. Refreshments are at 6.30pm, presentation at 7pm.** Paul is former Lecturer in Mission Studies at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, lecturer in the University Divinity School, and Director of Newbiggin Centre for Gospel and Culture, subjects on which he has written and published widely. Study of faith in relation to, and interaction with, cultural generational change has been to the fore of his research.