

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS SUNDAY: 24th August 2025 - St Bartholemew's Day

10am Rev Natalie's 1st Celebration of Holy

Communion at St Mark's: *Rev Natalie Davies & Rev D Richards*

Bible Theme: Isaiah 43:8-13 Acts 5:12-16 Luke 22:24-30

Followed by Celebratory Refreshments in the Church Room

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

1pm Baptism of Luna (6) and baby Arwen at St Mark's

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

- **St. Mark's Church & Garden Open** 10am - 4pm, Tue - Sat
- Mon 25th: **Bank Holiday. No St Mark's Choir Practice**
- Wed 27th: **No Prayer & Share This Week**

NEXT SUNDAY: 31st August 2025 – Trinity 11

10am Celebration Service with St Mark's Band

and Church Welcome for Luna and Arwen: *Rev Dave Richards*

Theme: Special Offer – A New Start (Luke 19:1-10)

Followed by Coffee and Cake in the Church Room

Please support Mark's swim for Swanage Lifeboat Station:

At 10am on Monday 8th September Mark Critchlow will be swimming from Shell Bay at the far end of Studland Beach, around Old Harry Rocks to Swanage Pier (a distance of 7 miles), to raise funds for Swanage Lifeboat. To sponsor Mark there's a QR code on the poster in the Church Room or go to: www.justgiving.com/page/mark-critchlow-11 or Mark will probably be happy to receive donations directly if you don't want to give online. Mark has swum the Channel twice, so he knows what he's doing!

Ride + Stride: Saturday 13th September. Meet at St Mark's Church at 10:30am. Option of a walk to Worth, back to Acton (4 miles) and bus to Swanage, or walk on from Worth to Kingston (total 6 miles) and bus back, or walk on to Corfe (total 8 miles) and bus back. See the poster for full details. Please wear suitable footwear, bring water and sun cream/waterproof clothing as appropriate. Dogs welcome on a lead. No need to book – just turn up. Anne Roper has a sponsor form if people want to sponsor her before the walk. If people are planning to join the walk, we ask if they will please make a donation on the day. Donations will go to Dorset Historic Churches Trust, and 50% will come back to Swanage Churches.

Save the Date: Tuesday 30th September at 7pm. Bishop Karen is coming to St Mark's Church to Licence Dave as an official member of the Team (rather than a retired priest) and to re-activate Carol's Licence as a Lay Minister (dormant since she moved to Salisbury Diocese). There will be a Service followed by refreshments. Everyone's welcome.

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for St Bartholemew's Day: Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

St Mark's Church, Herston, is part of the Swanage & Studland Team

➤ 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

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.