

# WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



## THIS SUNDAY: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19*

***Followed by Refreshments in the Church Room***

*Gluten Free – please talk to the Welcomer if you would like a gluten-free Communion Wafer. Also, gluten/wheat-free chocolate biscuits are available with refreshments after the Service.*

## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK – Christian Aid Week

- **THE CHURCH IS OPEN** from 10am - 4pm Monday - Saturday
- **Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May: Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall with Citizens' Advice and Digital Dorset (help with technology)
- **Mon 13<sup>th</sup>: St Mark's Choir Rehearsal** 6:15pm - 7pm
- NO Wednesday Prayer & Share this week (next is 22<sup>nd</sup> May)
- **Sat 18<sup>th</sup>: Purbeck Village Quire Summer Concert:** 7pm here at St Mark's Church. Folk songs and West Gallery Hymns from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, linked with a script, with performers (including Dave & Carol) in period costume. Admission is FREE, with a retiring collection for the rebuilding of Herston Village Hall. Light refreshments afterwards.
- **Sat 18<sup>th</sup>: Belvedere Singers** also have a concert on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm at St Mary's Church. Tickets £7 (under 18s free) from Pearl, or on the door. Retiring collection for Purbeck Besom.

## NEXT SUNDAY: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Pentecost

**10am Holy Communion** *Rev Dave Richards*

*Ezekiel 37:1-14 Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15*

***Followed by Refreshments in the Church Room***

## **SOME ADVANCE DATES:**

**Communicare is 40:** Jenny invites everyone to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2:30pm, followed by tea and cakes.

**1<sup>st</sup> Town Band Concert of 2024:** Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 7pm, Bandstand.

**St Aldhelm Pilgrimage:** Bishop Karen is leading a short Dorset pilgrimage on St Aldhelm's Day, Saturday 25 May. She will celebrate Holy Communion at St Aldhelm's Chapel at 12 noon, following a walk for 1 mile from the National Trust Car Park (for Chapman's Pool) just off Renscombe Road, Worth Matravers, leaving at 11am. Pilgrims are invited to bring a picnic for after the service. If wet the event will take place inside Langton Matravers Church. Everyone is welcome.

**Next Celebration Service with St Mark's Band:** 26<sup>th</sup> May at 10am

**St Mark's Afternoon Concert: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 3:30pm.** An hour of light music followed by refreshments. FREE entry, retiring collection in aid of Herston Youth Club's Summer Holiday programme.

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**COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter:** O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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