

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS SUNDAY: 5th October 2025 – Trinity 16

10am Holy Communion: *Rev Dave Richards*

Bible Theme: Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4 2 Timothy 1.1-14 Luke 17.5-10

Followed by Coffee and Cake 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

6pm Invitation to “Worship @ 6” at Emmanuel Baptist Church

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

- **St. Mark's Church & Garden Open** 10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat
- Mon 6th: **Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall
- Mon 6th: **Choir Rehearsal** 6:15pm - 7pm Church Room
- Tue 7th: **St Mark's Junior Singing Club:** Church Room 3:30pm - 4:20pm, for children in School years 3 to 6. FREE
- Wed 8th: **Prayer & Share** 10am - 10:45am Church Room
- Wed 8th: **Consultation on the Swanage Neighbourhood Plan:**
Drop in to Herston Village Hall between 3pm - 7pm to look at proposals for the future of the town and make your comments
- Wed 8th: **Celebrate Churches Together (AGM):** 7pm at EBC
- Sat 11th: **Many Hands Action Morning:** 10am - 1pm. Everyone's welcome as we tackle lots of odd jobs in the Church and garden.

NEXT SUNDAY: 12th October 2025 – Trinity 17

10am Holy Communion: *Rev Dave Richards*

Bible Theme: 2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c 2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19

Followed by Coffee and Cake in the Church Room

3pm - 4:30pm Farmer Teddy's Harvest Picnic at St Mark's Church, for children aged 2 - 6 with at least 1 grown-up. FREE

Thanks: To everyone who helped to make the Licensing Service last Tuesday go so well, and for the cards and good wishes. *Dave & Carol*

Swanage Neighbourhood Plan: If you can't make the consultation on Wednesday 8th October between 3pm - 7pm at Herston Village Hall, there is another one on Wednesday 15th October 10am - 2pm at EBC.

"Many Hands" Action Morning: Saturday 11th October 10am – 1pm. If you'd like to work outside, please bring your own gardening gloves, if you want to work inside, then please bring cleaning stuff etc etc. Coffee & cake provided. If it's very wet, we'll rearrange for 18th October.

Any Questions? Tuesday 14th October, URC 7pm. A Presentation by Canon Professor Vernon White, "Faith and Ethics in a Secular World".

St Mark's Church Harvest Festival: Sunday 19th October at the later time of 11am, followed by a Bring-and-Share Lunch. Drinks provided. Everyone is welcome. There's a list on the table to sign about the food you can bring. People are invited to help decorate the Church (list in porch). There will also be a Harvest collection of food for Swanage Foodbank. The **School Harvest** is on Wednesday 22nd October at 1:45pm in Church.

Focus on the Environment: Open Meeting of Purbeck Deanery Synod Wednesday 22nd October, 7:30pm at Wareham Parish Hall on the Quay.

"Wear It Pink!" The next Celebration Service with St Mark's Band is on Sunday 26th October at 10am, raising money for Breast Cancer Research. NB Clocks go back 1 hour on Saturday night 25th - 26th October.

COLLECT (Special Prayer) for 16th Sunday after Trinity: O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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