

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S CHURCH

Bell Street, Swanage, BH19 2SA



THIS SUNDAY: 26th July 2026 – Trinity 8

10:30am Carnival Praise in the main marquee on Sandpit Field. **NO Service at St Mark's Church today.**

2pm – about 5pm: Carnival Procession

If you want to take part in the Churches' walking entry in the Carnival Procession, please turn up at the Church Tent on the Carnival field at 2pm. If possible, please wear a cowboy hat and a check shirt. Please bring water and sun cream, and further instructions will be given.

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK:

- **CHURCH & GARDEN OPEN** 10am - 4pm Monday - Saturday
- **Mon 27th: Community Café** 10am - 12noon at Herston Village Hall with Citizens' Advice, Digital Dorset and the Community Pantry
- **Mon 27th: NO St Mark's Choir Rehearsal** for the Summer holiday. Instead, we'll have a quick run-through the music before the Morning Service each Sunday. The next full practice will be on 7th September.
- **Wed 29th: NO Prayer & Share** this week.
- **Wed 29th: Town Band Concert at the Bandstand:** 7pm (if wet, in the Methodist Church at 7:30pm). FREE with a collection.

NEXT SUNDAY: 2nd August 2026 – Trinity 9

Short Music Practice before the Service from 10:30am

11am Holy Communion *Rev Dave Richards*

Bible Theme: Genesis 32.22-31 Romans 9.1-5 Matthew 14.13-21

Followed by St Mark's BBQ - Veggie and gluten-free options available. **To book your place please email rev.dave456@gmail.com**
Please also let Dave know if you can provide a salad or a pudding.
People who attend St Mark's and their family + friends are very welcome.

Gardens Open for Charity: The Stables and Knitson Old Farmhouse gardens are open on Wednesday 29th July and Thursday 30th July 12 - 5pm. Adults £8 (for both gardens), children free. Dogs welcome, wheelchair access, teas, plants for sale, picnics welcome.

Walk and Pray for our Community: During August, we'll walk and pray for our Herston Village community on Wednesday mornings. This is in place of Prayer & Share. On 5th, 12th and 19th August we'll meet at St Mark's at 10am, and we'll walk and pray for the residents of the Herston area around St Mark's Church. On 26th August we'll meet opposite the schools at 10am, to pray for the start of the new School year. If wet, on any Wednesday we'll stay at St Mark's Church.

Rev Natalie's Farewell: The "Big" Farewell is on Sunday 9th August at 6:30pm at St Mary's Church. Natalie will be licensed in Windsor on 1st September. People from Swanage are welcome to attend – there are details of the Service in the Church Alive! Magazine.

Thanks: To the wonderful team at St Mark's for making the Pimm's and Hymns event go so well last Sunday. Thanks to all who sorted out the food for Afternoon Tea and the Pimm's, to all who carried the tables and chairs around, to all who chose and introduced our hymns and to our musicians. Donations were just over £223 (Thank you) to be shared between St Mark's Church and the Christian Aid Venezuela Earthquake Appeal. The Christian Aid amount of £111.85 has been added to £150 (plus Gift Aid) given to the Venezuela Earthquake Appeal over the past few weeks in the red Christian Aid envelopes, making a total of £261.85 plus Gift Aid on £95.00, totalling £356.85. Well done, St Mark's.
