

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 05 October 2025 – Trinity 16

St Mary's

St Peter's

St Thomas'

11:00am – Harvest Holy
Communion

9:30am – Holy Communion

6:00pm – Harvest Evensong

Collect

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders, that
we may serve you with reverence and
know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Habakkuk 1.1-4, 2.1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk
saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you 'Violence!'
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see
wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before
me;

strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgement comes forth
perverted.

I will stand at my watch-post,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will
say to me,
and what he will answer
concerning my complaint.
Then the Lord answered me and
said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the
appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not
lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Psalms 37.1-9

¹ Fret not because of evildoers; •
be not jealous of those who do
wrong.

- ² For they shall soon wither like
grass •
and like the green herb fade away.
- ³ Trust in the Lord and be doing
good; •
dwell in the land and be nourished
with truth.
- ⁴ Let your delight be in the Lord •
and he will give you your heart's
desire.
- ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord and
put your trust in him, •
and he will bring it to pass.
- ⁶ He will make your righteousness as
clear as the light •
and your just dealing as the
noonday.
- ⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait
for him; •
do not fret over those that
prosper
as they follow their evil schemes.
- ⁸ Refrain from anger and abandon
wrath; •
do not fret, lest you be moved to
do evil.
- ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, •
but those who wait upon the Lord
shall possess the land.

2 Timothy 1.1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the
will of God, for the sake of the promise
of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the
Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship
with a clear conscience, as my
ancestors did—when I remember you

constantly in my prayers night and day.
Recalling your tears, I long to see you
so that I may be filled with joy. I am
reminded of your sincere faith, a faith
that lived first in your grandmother
Lois and your mother Eunice and now,
I am sure, lives in you. For this reason
I remind you to rekindle the gift of God
that is within you through the laying on
of my hands; for God did not give us a
spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit
of power and of love and of self-
discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the
testimony about our Lord or of me his
prisoner, but join with me in suffering
for the gospel, relying on the power of
God, who saved us and called us with
a holy calling, not according to our
works but according to his own
purpose and grace. This grace was
given to us in Christ Jesus before the
ages began, but it has now been
revealed through the appearing of our
Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished
death and brought life and immortality
to light through the gospel. For this
gospel I was appointed a herald and an
apostle and a teacher, and for this
reason I suffer as I do. But I am not
ashamed, for I know the one in whom
I have put my trust, and I am sure that
he is able to guard until that day what I
have entrusted to him. Hold to the
standard of sound teaching that you
have heard from me, in the faith and
love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the
good treasure entrusted to you, with
the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Luke 17.5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat

and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" '

Post 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.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

Benefice Bible Study

8th October 2:30pm – 4:00pm The Vicarage. All welcome.

Change of date

St. Mary's Coffee morning in October, will be on Friday 10th October 10:30 – 12:00 in the St Mary's Church Hall. All welcome.

St. Mary's Gift Day

Sunday 19th October: An opportunity for one off money gifts to support our communal life. Any questions contact the Vicar.

Shipshape and Bristol fashion...

It's that time of year for The Big St. Mary's Church Autumn Clean! Thursday 23rd October, 10am onwards - the more the merrier! Please come and help if you can.

Lydlinch Bells Appeal

The appeal continues and we have now raised over £50k. Any donations large or small are most welcome.

St Mary's Church Quiz

The Church Quiz on 14th Nov 2025 will run a Raffle to boost the quiz/night funds. We would like to receive good quality bottles of wine or spirits. Also 'Christmas' items. (including Jars, chocolates, and Goodies') 'Pampering items, such as hand creams, body lotion, Scented Candles and so forth.

Please speak to Jocelyn (07803 623786) or Carol (07449 190144) if you would like to donate.

<p>Services & Events in the Benefice</p> <p>Tue, 7 Oct 9:30am – Tots & Toast – St Mary's Church Hall</p> <p>Wed, 8 Oct 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's</p> <p>Fri, 10 Oct 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's</p>	<p>Sun 12 Oct – Trinity 17 Readings: 2 Kings 5.1–3, 7–15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2.8–15 Luke 17.11–19</p> <p>St Peter's, Hinton St Mary 9:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>St Mary's, Sturminster Newton 9:30am Holy Communion 6:00pm Evensong</p> <p>St Thomas', Lydlinch 11:00am Holy Communion</p>								
<p>Vicar: Rev Mary Gubbins revd.mary.gubbins@gmail.com ☎ 07440 680 387</p> <p>Benefice Safeguarding Officer: Roy Davey croydavey@hotmail.co.uk 01258 474682</p>	<p>Find us on A Church Near You (www.achurchnearyou.com) and then enter Sturminster Newton, Lydlinch or Hinton St. Mary</p>								
<p>Lay Pastoral Assistants: For Communion at home or pastoral visits, please contact:</p> <p>Carol Moody ☎ 01258 721 729 Fiona Norman ☎ 01258 472 693 Brenda Stables ☎ 01258 471 487</p>	<p>Administration: Please pass any notices or news for the pew sheets to office.sturbenefice@gmail.com by noon Wednesday.</p>								
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