

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 27th July 2025 – Trinity 6

St Mary's

11:00am Holy Communion
6:00pm Evensong

St Peter's

9:30am Morning Prayer

St Thomas'

11:00am Morning Prayer

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

Genesis 18.20-32

Then the Lord said, ‘How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.’ So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, ‘Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose

there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?’ And the Lord said, ‘If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.’ Abraham answered, ‘Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?’ And he said, ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.’ Again he spoke to him, ‘Suppose forty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of forty I will not do it.’ Then he said, ‘Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.’ He answered, ‘I will not do it, if I find thirty there.’ He said, ‘Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.’

He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

Psalm 138

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
with my whole heart; • before the
gods will I sing praise to you.
- ² I will bow down towards your holy
temple and praise your name,
because of your love and
faithfulness; • for you have glorified
your name and your word above
all things.
- ³ In the day that I called to you, you
answered me; • you put new
strength in my soul.
- ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise
you, O Lord, • for they have heard
the words of your mouth.
- ⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the
Lord, • that great is the glory of
the Lord.
- ⁶ Though the Lord be high, he
watches over the lowly; • as for
the proud, he regards them from
afar.
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of
trouble, you will preserve me; •
you will stretch forth your hand
against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.
- ⁸ The Lord shall make good his
purpose for me; • your loving-
kindness, O Lord, endures for
ever; forsake not the work of your
hands.

Colossians 2.6-15 [16-19]

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without

cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

Luke 11.1-13

I He John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything

because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

St. Mary's Coffee Morning: Friday 1st August St. Mary's Church Hall 10:30am - 12:00am. All welcome.

Wool needed for knitted angels at St. Mary's. Gill Williams is asking if you have any spare double knitting wool, please could you let her have it for knitted angels? Thank you.

Christians Together Holiday Club 'Going Boldly in Search of God' 11 - 15 August 10:00am-12:00am at the Methodist Church. All school age children are welcome. Please donate newspaper and magazine pictures about space, the oceans and seas, people we love, pollution, and Jesus.

Advance Notice: 80th Anniversary of VJ Day on 15th August in Stur: 10:00am - Proclamation and flag raising Railway Gardens.

7:00pm - A Civic Service to mark VJ Day and the end of the Second World War at St. Mary's.

8.30pm - Beacon lighting and Act of Remembrance Railway Gardens
Refreshments available *bring your own cup*.

80th Anniversary of VJ Day at St. Thomas', Lydlinch on 17th August at 6:00pm. A Service to mark the and the end of the Second World War.

<p>Services & Events in the Benefice</p> <p>Wednesday, 30th July 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's</p> <p>Friday, 1st August 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's</p>	<p>Sunday 3rd August – Trinity 7 Readings: Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12–14; 2.18–23 Psalm 49.1–9 Colossians 3.1–11 Luke 12.13–21</p> <p>St Peter's, Hinton St Mary 9:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>St Mary's, Sturminster Newton 11:00am Holy Communion</p> <p>St Thomas', Lydlinch No Service</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>														
<p>Mother's Union Secretary: Brenda Stables (b.stables@btinternet.com)</p>															
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