

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 3 August 2025 – Trinity 7

St Mary's

St Peter's

St Thomas'

11:00am-Holy Communion

9:30am-Morning Prayer

Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard
seed, make it grow to your glory and
the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in
Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and
to search out by wisdom all that is
done under heaven; it is an unhappy
business that God has given to human
beings to be busy with. I saw all the
deeds that are done under the sun; and
see, all is vanity and a chasing after
wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled
under the sun, seeing that I must leave
it to those who come after me —and
who knows whether they will be wise
or foolish? Yet they will be master of
all for which I toiled and used my
wisdom under the sun. This also is

vanity. So I turned and gave my heart
up to despair concerning all the toil of
my labours under the sun, because
sometimes one who has toiled with
wisdom and knowledge and skill must
leave all to be enjoyed by another who
did not toil for it. This also is vanity and
a great evil. What do mortals get from
all the toil and strain with which they
toil under the sun? For all their days
are full of pain, and their work is a
vexation; even at night their minds do
not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalms 49

- ¹ Hear this, all you peoples; •
listen, all you that dwell in the
world,
- ² You of low or high degree, •
both rich and poor together.
- ³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom •
and my heart shall meditate on
understanding.
- ⁴ I will incline my ear to a parable; •
I will unfold my riddle with the
lyre.

- ⁵ Why should I fear in evil days, •
when the malice of my foes
surrounds me,
- ⁶ Such as trust in their goods •
and glory in the abundance of their
riches?
- ⁷ For no one can indeed ransom
another •
or pay to God the price of
deliverance.
- ⁸ To ransom a soul is too costly; •
there is no price one could pay for
it,
- ⁹ So that they might live for ever, •
and never see the grave.

Colossians 3.1-11

3 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new

self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Luke 12.13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?”’ Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion

that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;

for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

Holiday Club

The Christians Together Holiday Club 'Going Boldly in Search of God' running 11th -15th August needs your help. Please pray. Also, please donate clean bottles, different size boxes, yogurt carton and other materials which may be used to make space related models, newspaper and magazine pictures about space, the oceans and seas, people we love, pollution, Jesus. Any questions, ask Mary.

80th Anniversary of VJ Day in the Benefice

Friday 15 August in Sturminster Newton:

10:00am - Proclamation and flag raising Railway Gardens.

7:00pm - Civic Service to mark the end of the War in St Mary's Church.

8.30pm - Beacon lighting and Act of Remembrance Railway Gardens

Refreshments available ***bring your own cup***.

Sunday 17 August at St. Thomas', Lydlinch:

6:00pm - A Service to mark the end of the War.

Dorset Historic Churches Trust (DHCT)

The annual fund-raising event Ride & Stride is on Saturday 13 September.

Please support this event or even better participate. The Trust gives circa £130k per annum towards the conservation of Dorset's churches and recently awarded £12,500 towards the East Window restoration at St Mary's.

<p>Services & Events in the Benefice</p> <p>Wed, 06 Aug 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's</p> <p>Fri, 08 Aug 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's</p>	<p>Sun 10 Aug – Trinity 8 Readings: Genesis 15.1–6 Psalm 33.12–21 Hebrews 11.1–3, 8–16 Luke 12.32–40</p> <p>St Peter's, Hinton St Mary 9:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>St Mary's, Sturminster Newton 9:30am Morning Prayer 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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