

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 17 August 2025 – Trinity 9

St Mary's

St Peter's

St Thomas'

11:00am – Holy Communion

9:30am – Morning Prayer

6:00pm – VJ Day Service

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day, and
make her holy, strong and faithful, for
your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Jeremiah 23.23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and
not a God far off? Who can hide in
secret places so that I cannot see
them? says the Lord. Do I not fill
heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have
heard what the prophets have said who
prophecy lies in my name, saying, 'I
have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How
long? Will the hearts of the prophets
ever turn back—those who prophecy
lies, and who prophecy the deceit of
their own heart? They plan to make my
people forget my name by their dreams
that they tell one another, just as their
ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let
the prophet who has a dream tell the
dream, but let the one who has my
word speak my word faithfully. What
has straw in common with wheat? says
the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says

the Lord, and like a hammer that
breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalm 82

- ¹ God has taken his stand in the
council of heaven; •
in the midst of the gods he gives
judgement:
- ² 'How long will you judge unjustly •
and show such favour to the
wicked?
- ³ 'You were to judge the weak and
the orphan; •
defend the right of the humble and
needy;
- ⁴ 'Rescue the weak and the poor; •
deliver them from the hand of the
wicked.
- ⁵ 'They have no knowledge or
wisdom;
they walk on still in darkness: •
all the foundations of the earth are
shaken.
- ⁶ 'Therefore I say that though you
are gods •
and all of you children of the Most
High,

- ⁷ 'Nevertheless, you shall die like
mortals •
and fall like one of their princes.'
- ⁸ Arise, O God and judge the
earth, •
for it is you that shall take all
nations for your possession.

Hebrews 11.29-12.2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts

and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Luke 12.49-56

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Post Communion

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

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.

Friends of Guys Marsh

Explore the steps to rehabilitation with an evening at the Exchange (Bow Room) from 5pm to 8pm on Friday 29 August.

31 August Benefice Holy Communion

The August Benefice Holy Communion on 31 August will be in St Thomas', Lydlinch at 11:00am.

Thank you to all prayed for, contributed materials, and helped at the Christian's Together in Stur Holiday Club.

<p>Services & Events in the Benefice</p> <p>Wed, 20 Aug 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's</p> <p>Fri, 22 Aug 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's</p>	<p>Sun 24 Aug – Bartholomew Readings: Isaiah 43.8–13 Psalm 145.1–7 Acts 5.12–16 Luke 22.24–30</p> <p>St Peter's, Hinton St Mary 9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>St Mary's, Sturminster Newton 11:00am Holy Communion with Baptism 6:00pm Evensong</p> <p>St Thomas', Lydlinch 11:00am Morning Prayer</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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