

# THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



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## Sunday 24 August 2025 – Bartholomew the Apostle

*St Mary's*

*St Peter's*

*St Thomas'*

11:00am – Holy Communion  
6:00pm – Evensong

9:30am – Holy Communion

11:00am – Morning Prayer

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who gave to your apostle  
Bartholomew grace truly to believe  
and to preach your word:  
grant that your Church may love that  
word which he believed and may  
faithfully preach and receive the same;  
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.

### Isaiah 43.8-13

Bring forth the people who are blind,  
yet have eyes,  
who are deaf, yet have ears!  
Let all the nations gather together,  
and let the peoples assemble.  
Who among them declared this,  
and foretold to us the former  
things?  
Let them bring their witnesses to  
justify them,  
and let them hear and say, ‘It  
is true.’

You are my witnesses, says the Lord,  
and my servant whom I have  
chosen,  
so that you may know and believe me  
and understand that I am he.  
Before me no god was formed,  
nor shall there be any after me.  
I, I am the Lord,  
and besides me there is no saviour.  
I declared and saved and proclaimed,  
when there was no strange god  
among you;  
and you are my witnesses, says the  
Lord.  
I am God, and also henceforth I  
am He;  
there is no one who can deliver  
from my hand;  
I work and who can hinder it?

### Psalms 145.1-7

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O God my King, •  
and bless your name for ever and  
ever.  
<sup>2</sup> Every day will I bless you •  
and praise your name for ever and  
ever.

- <sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; •  
his greatness is beyond all searching out.
- <sup>4</sup> One generation shall praise your works to another •  
and declare your mighty acts.
- <sup>5</sup> They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, •  
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
- <sup>6</sup> They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, •  
and I will also tell of your greatness.
- <sup>7</sup> They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness •  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

### **Acts 5.12-16**

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

### **Luke 22.24-30**

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

### **Post Communion**

Almighty God,  
who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to witness to your truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## **News and Notices**

*All events are open to all across the Benefice.*

### **Bible Study**

At the Vicarage on 27 August 2:30 – 4:00pm. All Welcome.

### **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.

### **St Mary's Coffee Morning**

5 September at 10:30am in St Mary's Church Hall. We will be joined by Leah Cross from the Dorset Blind Association.

<p><b>Services &amp; Events in the Benefice</b></p> <p><b>Wed, 27 Aug</b> 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's</p> <p><b>Fri, 29 Aug</b> 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's</p>	<p><b>Sun 31 Aug – Trinity 11</b></p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Ecclesiasticus 10.12–18   Psalm 112   Hebrews 13.1–8, 15–16   Luke 14.1, 7–14</p> <p><b>St Thomas', Lydlinch</b> 11:00am Benefice Holy Communion</p>												
<p><b>Vicar:</b> Rev Mary Gubbins revd.mary.gubbins@gmail.com ☎ 07440 680 387</p> <p><b>Benefice Safeguarding Officer:</b> Roy Davey croydavey@hotmail.co.uk 01258 474682</p>	<p>Find us on <b>A Church Near You</b> (www.achurchnearyou.com) and then enter Sturminster Newton, Lydlinch or Hinton St. Mary</p>												
<p><b>Lay Pastoral Assistants:</b> For Communion at home or pastoral visits, please contact:</p> <p>Carol Moody ☎ 01258 <b>721 729</b> Fiona Norman ☎ 01258 <b>472 693</b> Brenda Stables ☎ 01258 <b>471 487</b></p>	<p><b>Administration:</b></p> <p>Please pass any notices or news for the pew sheets to office.sturbenefice@gmail.com by noon Wednesday.</p>												
<p><b>Mother's Union</b> Brenda Stables (b.stables@btinternet.com)</p>													
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