

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 21st September 2025 – Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

St Mary's

St Peter's

St Thomas'

11:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Harvest Festival

6:00pm Evensong

Collect

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Proverbs 3.13-18

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy.

Psalm 119.65–72

⁶⁵ You have dealt graciously with your servant, • according to your word, O Lord.

⁶⁶ O teach me true understanding and knowledge, • for I have trusted in your commandments.

⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray, • but now I keep your word.

⁶⁸ You are gracious and do good; • O Lord, teach me your statutes.

⁶⁹ The proud have smeared me with lies, • but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.

⁷⁰ Their heart has become gross with fat, • but my delight is in your law.

⁷¹ It is good for me that I have been afflicted, • that I may learn your statutes.

72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me • than a hoard of gold and silver.

2 Corinthians 4.1-6

4 Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 9.9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax

booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

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.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

St. Thomas' PCC meeting Monday 22nd September 7:00pm

No Benefice Bible study on 24th September

Sturminster Newton History Week – St Mary's Church Day

Wednesday 24th September, from:

11:00am there will be someone in church to offer insights,

12:00noon (repeated at 18:00pm), join a churchyard walk to discover more about the people buried there,

14:00pm Stained glass windows talk followed by refreshments. All welcome.

Monday Midday Musings

Monday 29th Sept at 12:30pm – 13:15pm. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a short free miscellaneous programme of music and verse in the South transept of St Mary's Church (with a glass of Elderflower!)

Harvest Lunch – St. Mary's Joint Harvest Festival Service with the Methodists will be on Sunday 5th Oct at 11:00am, followed by a "Bring and Share" harvest lunch in the Church Hall, where we will also be joined by members of The Christian Fellowship. Any Harvest gifts will be donated to the Pantry at The Vale Family Hub. To help with catering, Joyce Mogridge is co-ordinating the list of who will be coming, plus what savoury dish they would like to contribute. Please let Joyce know as soon as possible. Thanks.

Change of date: St. Mary's Coffee morning in October, will be on Friday 10th October.

St. Mary's Gift Day 19th October: An opportunity for one off money gifts to support our communal life. Any questions contact the Vicar.

St Mary's Quiz – Raffle Prizes requested

The Church Quiz is aiming to 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 i.e. hand creams, body lotion etc. or scented candles. Please speak to Jocelyn or Carol if you would like to donate.

<p>Services & Events in the Benefice</p> <p>Tuesday, 23rd September 9:30am – Tots & Toast – St Mary's Church Hall</p> <p>Wednesday, 24th September 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's</p> <p>Friday, 26th September 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's</p>	<p>Sunday 28th September – Trinity 15</p> <p>Readings: Amos 6.1a, 4–7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6.6–19 Luke 16.19–end</p> <p>St Peter's, Hinton St Mary 9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>St Mary's, Sturminster Newton 11:00am Holy Communion 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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