

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

**‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’**



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

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## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025 – Harvest Festival**

***St Mary's***

***St Peter's***

***St Thomas'***

11:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Harvest Festival

6:00pm Evensong

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### **Collect**

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Deuteronomy 26.1-11**

**26** When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and

sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the

Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

### **Philippians 4.4-9**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

### **John 6.25-35**

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give

you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

### **Post Communion**

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## **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><b>Services &amp; Events in the Benefice</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b> 9:30am – Tots &amp; Toast – St Mary's Church Hall</p> <p><b>Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September</b> 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's</p> <p><b>Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September</b> 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's</p>	<p><b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 15</b></p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Amos 6.1a, 4–7   Psalm 146   1 Timothy 6.6–19   Luke 16.19–end</p> <p><b>St Peter's, Hinton St Mary</b> 9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p><b>St Mary's, Sturminster Newton</b> 11:00am Holy Communion 6:00pm Evensong</p> <p><b>St Thomas', Lydlinch</b> 11:00am Morning Prayer</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> (<a href="http://www.achurchnearyou.com">www.achurchnearyou.com</a>) 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 721 729 Fiona Norman ☎ 01258 472 693 Brenda Stables ☎ 01258 471 487</p>	<p><b>Administration:</b> Please pass any notices or news for the pew sheets to <a href="mailto:office.sturbenefice@gmail.com">office.sturbenefice@gmail.com</a> by noon Wednesday.</p>		
<p><b>Mother's Union</b> Secretary: Brenda Stables (<a href="mailto:b.stables@btinternet.com">b.stables@btinternet.com</a>)</p>			
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