THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

'Making Christ's Love Known to All'



Sunday I4th September – Trinity I3 St Mary's St Peter's St Thomas'

09:30am Morning Prayer 6:00pm Evensong

9:30am Morning Prayer

11:00am Holy Communion

Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Exodus 32.7-14

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Psalm 51

- Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
 according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.
- Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
 and cleanse me from my sin.

- ³ For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
- So that you are justified in your sentence •

and righteous in your judgement.

- ⁶ I have been wicked even from my birth,
 - a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- ⁷ Behold, you desire truth deep within me •

and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.

- ⁸ Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
 - wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁹ Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
- ¹⁰ Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my misdeeds.
- ¹¹ Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

I Timothy 1.12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ lesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 15.1-10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninetynine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it. she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Post Communion

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through lesus Christ our Lord.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

Deanery Synod 18 September

All are welcome to the Deanery Synod on Thursday, 18 Sept at 7pm for 7:30pm, at Christ Church, East Stour, SP8 5LP. Guest speaker: The Revd Canon Kenneth Padley, Chancellor of Salisbury Cathedral, who has led the cathedral's reduction in its carbon footprint with initiatives that parish churches might be able to follow.

Harvest Lunch - St Mary's

St. Mary's Joint Harvest Festival Service with the Methodists will be on 5th Oct at I Iam, 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.

Harvest Celebration – Hinton St Mary

The Harvest will be celebrated in Hinton St Mary on Sunday 21 Sept with a Celebration Service at 10:30.

Sturminster Newton History Week – St Mary's Church Day 24 Sep From 11:00am there will be someone in church to offer insights. At 12:00noon

(repeated at 6:00pm), join a churchyard walk to discover more about the people buried there. 2:00pm Stained glass windows talk followed by refreshments. All welcome

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 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. Scented Candles. Please speak to Jocelyn or Carol if you would like to donate.

Monday Midday Musings

Monday 29th Sept at 12.30 - 1.15. 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!)

Services & Events in the Benefice

Tuesday 16th September

9:30am – Tots & Toast – St Mary's Church Hall

Wednesday 17th September

10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's

Friday 19th September

6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's

Sunday 21 Sep – Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Readings: Proverbs 3.13–18 | Psalm 119.65–72 | 2 Corinthians 4.1–6 | Matthew 9.9–13

St Peter's, Hinton St Mary

10:30am Harvest Festival

St Mary's, Sturminster Newton

11:00am Holy Communion

St Thomas', Lydlinch

6:00pm Evensong

Vicar:

Rev Mary Gubbins revd.mary.gubbins@gmail.com 07440 680 387

Benefice Safeguarding Officer:

Roy Davey croydavey@hotmail.co.uk 01258 474682

Find us on **A Church Near You** (www.achurchnearyou.com) and then enter Sturminster Newton, Lydlinch or Hinton St. Mary

Lay Pastoral Assistants:

For Communion at home or pastoral visits, please contact:

Administration:

Please pass any notices or news for the pew sheets to office.sturbenefice@gmail.com by noon Wednesday.

Mother's Union

Secretary: Brenda Stables (b.stables@btinternet.com)

Churchwardens:

St Mary's Sturminster Newton
Fiona Norman
Tony Moody
F