

# 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 05 October 2025 – Harvest Festival**

***St Mary's***

***St Peter's***

***St Thomas'***

11:00am – Harvest Holy  
Communion

9:30am – Holy Communion

6:00pm – Harvest 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.*

### **Monday Morning Musings**

Many thanks to all who came and supported and to all who contributed to MONDAY MIDDAY MUSINGS, free in the South transept. Unexpectedly generous donations to Church Funds amounted to £119.00. Thank you.

### **Benefice Bible Study**

8th October 2:30pm – 4:00pm The Vicarage. All welcome.

### **Change of date**

St. Mary's Coffee morning in October, will be on Friday 10th October 10:30 – 12:00 in the St Mary's Church Hall. All welcome.

### **St. Mary's Gift Day**

Sunday 19th October: An opportunity for one off money gifts to support our communal life. Any questions contact the Vicar.

### **Shipshape and Bristol fashion...**

It's that time of year for The Big St. Mary's Church Autumn Clean! Thursday 23rd October, 10am onwards - the more the merrier! Please come and help if you can.

### **Lydlinch Bells Appeal**

The appeal continues and we have now raised over £50k. Any donations large or small are most welcome.

### **St Mary's Church Quiz**

The Church Quiz on 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025 will 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, such as hand creams, body lotion, Scented Candles and so forth.

Please speak to Jocelyn (07803 623786) or Carol (07449 190144) if you would like to donate.

<p><b>Services &amp; Events in the Benefice</b></p> <p><b>Tue, 7 Oct</b> 9:30am – Tots &amp; Toast – St Mary's Church Hall</p> <p><b>Wed, 8 Oct</b> 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's</p> <p><b>Fri, 10 Oct</b> 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's</p>	<p><b>Sun 12 Oct – Trinity 17</b> <b>Readings:</b> 2 Kings 5.1–3, 7–15c   Psalm 111   2 Timothy 2.8–15   Luke 17.11–19</p> <p><b>St Peter's, Hinton St Mary</b> 9:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p><b>St Mary's, Sturminster Newton</b> 9:30am Holy Communion 6:00pm Evensong</p> <p><b>St Thomas', Lydlinch</b> 11:00am 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> (<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>														
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