

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 26 October 2025 – Last after Trinity

St Mary's

St Peter's

St Thomas'

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

9:30am – Holy Communion

11:00am – Morning Prayer

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be
written for our learning:
help us so to hear them, to read,
mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the
comfort of your holy word, we may
embrace and for ever hold fast the
hope of everlasting life, which you
have given us in our Saviour Jesus
Christ, who is alive and reigns with
you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever.

Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given
to you,
and as generously as you can
afford.

For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.

Do not offer him a bribe, for he will
not accept it;
and do not rely on a dishonest
sacrifice;

for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.
He will not show partiality to the
poor;
but he will listen to the prayer of
one who is wronged.
He will not ignore the supplication of
the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out
her complaint.

Psalm 84:1-7

- ¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts! •
My soul has a desire and longing to
enter the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in
the living God.
- ² The sparrow has found her a
house
and the swallow a nest where she
may lay her young: •
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my
King and my God.
- ³ Blessed are they who dwell in your
house: •
they will always be praising you.

- ⁴ Blessed are those whose strength
is in you, •
in whose heart are the highways to
Zion,
- ⁵ Who going through the barren
valley find there a spring, •
and the early rains will clothe it
with blessing.
- ⁶ They will go from strength to
strength •
and appear before God in Zion.
- ⁷ O Lord God of hosts, hear my
prayer; •
listen, O God of Jacob.

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me

for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18.9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Post Communion

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life and the word
of his kingdom:
renew your people with your
heavenly grace, and in all our
weakness sustain us by your true and
living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

Canon Eric Woods

The Reverend Canon Eric Woods has returned his Permission to Officiate to Bishop Karen and so will not be leading services for the foreseeable future. He has given valuable and much appreciated help across the Benefice since his retirement in 2020. There will be a card to sign in each parish. If you would like to contribute to a gift, please give the money to the Vicar or your churchwardens.

Light Party – 31 October

The Christians Together Light Party, for children accompanied by an adult, at the Methodist Church 31 October 3.30pm-5.30pm.

2 November Memorial Services (to remember loved ones who have died)

On 2 November during the 9:30am Communion in St. Peter's and then in St. Mary's Church at 4pm (refreshments available in St. Mary's Church Hall from 3pm) we will remember loved ones who've died. More information from the Vicar. If you would like the name of someone who's died to be read out, please let the Vicar know by email, telephone or a piece of paper. You can also add name(s) to lists at the back of each church.

St Mary's Coffee Morning

7 November 1030-1200 in St. Mary's Church Hall. All welcome.

St Mary's Church Quiz

The Church Quiz on 14th 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.

16 November Benefice Service

Bishop Karen of Sherborne will be leading the Benefice Holy Communion service at St. Mary's at 11am. All welcome. The other usual 3rd Sunday services in the Benefice will not be happening that day.

Lydlinch Bells Appeal

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

Services & Events in the Benefice Wed, 29 Oct 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's Fri, 31 Oct 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's	Sun 02 Nov – All Saints Readings: Daniel 7.1–3, 15–18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1.11–end Luke 6.20–31 St Peter's, Hinton St Mary 9:30am Morning Prayer St Mary's, Sturminster Newton 11:00am Holy Communion St Thomas', Lydlinch No Service		
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: Carol Moody ☎ 01258 721 729 Fiona Norman ☎ 01258 472 693 Brenda Stables ☎ 01258 471 487	Administration: Please pass any notices or news for the pew sheets to office.sturbenefice@gmail.com by noon Wednesday.		
Mother's Union Brenda Stables (b.stables@btinternet.com)			
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