

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 12 October 2025 – Trinity 17

St Mary's

9:30am – Morning Prayer
6:00pm – Evensong

St Peter's

9:30am – Pet Service

St Thomas'

11:00am – Holy
Communion

Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life:

deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c

5 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was,

“Wash, and be clean”?” So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, ‘Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.’

Psalm 111

¹ Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, •
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.

² The works of the Lord are great, •
sought out by all who delight in them.

³ His work is full of majesty and honour •
and his righteousness endures for ever.

⁴ He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds; •
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

⁵ He gave food to those who feared him; •
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He showed his people the power of his works •
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are truth and justice; •
all his commandments are sure.

⁸ They stand fast for ever and ever; •
they are done in truth and equity.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; •
holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have those who live by it; •
his praise endures for ever.

2 Timothy 2.8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Luke 17.11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

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.

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

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 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.

<p>Services & Events in the Benefice</p> <p>Tue, 14 Oct 9:30am – Tots & Toast – St Mary's Church Hall</p> <p>Wed, 15 Oct 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's</p> <p>Fri, 17 Oct 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's</p>	<p>Sun 19 Oct 25 – Trinity 18 Readings: Genesis 32.22–31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3.14—4.5 Luke 18.1–8</p> <p>St Peter's, Hinton St Mary 9:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>St Mary's, Sturminster Newton 11:00am Holy Communion</p> <p>St Thomas', Lydlinch 4:00pm Evensong</p>														
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<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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