

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 2nd November 2025 – 4th Before Advent

St Mary's

St Peter's

St Thomas'

11:00am Holy Communion
4:00pm Memorial Service

9:30am Holy Communion

No Service

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 1.10-18

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of

convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Psalms 32

¹ Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven, • and whose sin is covered.

² Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, • and in whose spirit there is no guile.

³ For I held my tongue; • my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long.

⁴ Your hand was heavy upon me day and night; • my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you • and my iniquity I did not hide.

⁶ I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' • and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

⁷ Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in time of trouble; • in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.

⁸ You are a place for me to hide in; you preserve me from trouble; • you surround me with songs of deliverance.

2 Thessalonians I

I Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. This is evidence of the righteous judgement of God, and is intended to make you worthy of the

kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering. For it is indeed just of God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to give relief to the afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, separated from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes to be glorified by his saints and to be marvelled at on that day among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 19.1-10

I 9 He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.'

So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham.'

For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

Post Communion

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

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.

St. Mary's East Window Appeal Thank you to all who have contributed. We are very close to our target and so the PCC have chosen Hammonds as the principal contractor working with Holy Well Gass Ltd in Wells. Work is due to commence on 5th January 2026 and be completed by 27th February 2025.

St Mary's Coffee Morning Friday 7th November 10:30-12:00 in St. Mary's Church Hall. All welcome.

The St. Mary's Quiz night fundraising event is on Friday 14th Nov 7:00pm at The Exchange. £15 per ticket to include a Ploughman's supper. This is your last chance to book for a fun filled evening! Please contact Penny Mountain on stmaryquiznight@gmail.com to book your ticket.

Sunday 16th November Benefice Service - Bishop Karen of Sherborne will be leading the Benefice Holy Communion service at St. Mary's at 11:00am. 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 Tuesday 4th November 9:30am – Tots & Toast – St Mary's Church Hall Wednesday 5th November 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's Friday 7th November 6:00pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's	Sunday 9th November – Remembrance Readings: Micah 4, 1-5 John 14, 23-29 St Peter's, Hinton St Mary 10:45am Remembrance Service St Mary's, Sturminster Newton 8:00am Holy Communion 10:15am Remembrance service 6:00pm Evensong St Thomas', Lydlinch 10:55am Remembrance Service												
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