

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 16th November 2025 – 2 Before Advent

St Mary's

11:00am Benefice Holy
Communion

We are pleased to welcome
Karen, Bishop of Sherborne,
to preside and preach at our
Benefice Service.

St Peter's

No Service

St Thomas'

No Service

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son
was revealed to destroy the works of
the devil and to make us the children
of God and heirs of eternal life: grant
that we, having this hope, may purify
ourselves even as he is pure; that
when he shall appear in power and
great glory we may be made like him
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever.

Malachi 4.1-2a

4 See, the day is coming, burning like
an oven, when all the arrogant and all
evildoers will be stubble; the day that
comes shall burn them up, says the

Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them
neither root nor branch. But for you
who revere my name the sun of
righteousness shall rise, with healing in
its wings. You shall go out leaping like
calves from the stall.

Psalm 98

- ¹ Sing to the Lord a new song, • for
he has done marvellous things.
² His own right hand and his holy
arm • have won for him the
victory.
³ The Lord has made known his
salvation; • his deliverance has he
openly shown in the sight of the
nations.
⁴ He has remembered his mercy and
faithfulness towards the house
of Israel, • and all the ends of the

earth have seen the salvation of our God.

- ⁵ Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; • break into singing and make music.
- ⁶ Make music to the Lord with the lyre, • with the lyre and the voice of melody.
- ⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn • sound praises before the Lord, the King.
- ⁸ Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, • the world and all that dwell upon it.
- ⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands • and let the hills ring out together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.
- ¹⁰ In righteousness shall he judge the world • and the peoples with equity.

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not

eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21.5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in

advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

Thank you to everybody who contributed in so many ways to a very successful and enjoyable St. Mary's Quiz on 14th November.

The St. Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 2025 will run from Saturday 29th Nov to Wednesday 3rd Dec. Volunteers are needed to steward in the church and welcome visitors during opening hours - please see the list at the back of the church and sign up if you can help. Also we will be providing refreshments on the Saturday evening to welcome Father Christmas and the Choral Society. Any donations of instant hot chocolate and wrapped chocolate biscuits would be appreciated. Thank you. Fiona.

St. Mary's & SNADS Stained Glass Nativity 13th December (see poster at the back of church) Tickets now on sale. Early Bird tickets are only £5 if booked before November 23rd! Please do support this festive fund-raising event.

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 2026.

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 18th November 9:30am – Tots & Toast – St Mary's Church Hall Wednesday 19th November 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's 2:00pm - Mother's Union Friday 21st November 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's	Sunday 23rd November – Christ the King Readings: Jeremiah 23.1–6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1.11–20 Luke 23.33–43 St Peter's, Hinton St Mary 9:30am Holy Communion St Mary's, Sturminster Newton 11:00am Holy Communion 6:00pm Evensong St Thomas', Lydlinch 11:00am Holy Communion												
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