

# 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 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – Advent**

### ***St Mary's***

11:00am Benefice Holy  
Communion with Baptism  
6:00pm Advent Carol  
Service

### ***St Peter's***

No Service

### ***St Thomas'***

No Service

### **Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Isaiah 2.1-5**

**2**The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to

the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

### **Psalm 122**

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me, • 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'  
<sup>2</sup> And now our feet are standing • within your gates, O Jerusalem;  
<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem, built as a city • that is at unity in itself.

- <sup>4</sup> Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, • as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
- <sup>5</sup> For there are set the thrones of judgement, • the thrones of the house of David.
- <sup>6</sup> O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: • ‘May they prosper who love you.
- <sup>7</sup> ‘Peace be within your walls • and tranquillity within your palaces.’
- <sup>8</sup> For my kindred and companions’ sake, • I will pray that peace be with you.
- <sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, • I will seek to do you good.

### **Romans 13.11-end**

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### **Matthew 24.36-44**

‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

### **Post Communion**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## **News and Notices**

*All events are open to all across the Benefice.*

We are hoping to give Canon Eric cards and gifts from the Benefice at the Holy Communion service on 3rd December at 10:00am in St. Mary's. All welcome.

**The St. Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 2025** will be open on Sunday 29th November 12:00 - 4:00pm, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December & Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00am – 4:00pm and Wednesday 3rd 11:00am – 4:00pm.

**St. Mary's Coffee Morning** Friday 5th December 10:30 - 12:00 in the Church Hall. All welcome.

**St Thomas' Annual Christmas Stalls and Coffee morning** will be held on Saturday 6th December at the Hooper Hall, Lydlinch from 10:00 - 12:30. Stalls will include Christmas fare. Entry £3 includes coffee and mince pie. All proceeds in aid of St Thomas a Becket church.

**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 Glass Ltd in Wells. Work is due to commence on 5th January 2026 and be completed by 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

**Lydlinch Bells Appeal** has now reached £56,000.

<p><b>Services &amp; Events in the Benefice</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b> 9:30am – Tots &amp; Toast – St Mary's Church Hall</p> <p><b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b> 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's</p> <p><b>Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December</b> 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's</p>	<p><b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Advent2</b></p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Isaiah 11.1–10   Psalm 72.1–7   Romans 15.4–13   Matthew 3.1–12</p> <p><b>St Peter's, Hinton St Mary</b> 9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p><b>St Mary's, Sturminster Newton</b> 11:00am Holy Communion</p> <p><b>St Thomas', Lydlinch</b> No Service</p>														
<p><b>Vicar:</b> Rev Mary Gubbins revd.mary.gubbins@gmail.com ☎ 07440 680 387</p> <p><b>Benefice Safeguarding Officer</b> Mrs. Nicole Forbes-Marshall 07960 827108 nicoleforbes@btinternet.com</p>	<p><b>Administration:</b> Please pass any notices or news for the pew sheets to office.sturbenefice@gmail.com by noon Wednesday.</p>														
<p><b>Lay Pastoral Assistants:</b> For Communion at home or pastoral visits, please contact: Carol Moody ☎ 01258 721 729 Fiona Norman ☎ 01258 472 693 Brenda Stables ☎ 01258 471 487</p>	<p>Find us by putting Put 'A Church near you' in your search engine and then enter Sturminster Newton, Lydlinch or Hinton St. Mary</p>														
<p><b>Mother's Union</b> Secretary: Brenda Stables (b.stables@btinternet.com)</p>															
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