

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 9th November 2025 – Remembrance

St Mary's

8:00am Holy Communion
10:15am Remembrance
Service
6:00pm Evensong

St Peter's

10:45am Remembrance
Service

St Thomas'

10:55am Remembrance
Service

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Micah 4 1-5

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations 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 the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.

John 15.9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard

from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Post Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

Armistice Day Tuesday 11th November Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the Recreation Ground. Gather by 10:55am and all completed by 11:10am. St. Mary's Bellringers will attempt a half-muffled quarter peal attempt (about 45 minutes), meeting at 6:45pm to ring up, and start the quarter peal probably just before 7:00pm.

St. Peter's PCC Meeting is on Tuesday 11th November at 7:30pm.

The St. Mary's Quiz night fundraising event is on Friday 14th November 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.

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 fundraising 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 27th February 2026.

Light Party 2025 We are grateful to God and to all who enabled a successful Light Party, with more children (20) and accompanying adults (15) than last year and the same number of helpers.

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 11th November 9:30am – Tots & Toast – St Mary's Church Hall Wednesday 12th November 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's Friday 14th November 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's	Sunday 16th November – 2 before Advent Readings: Malachi 4.1–2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3.6–13 Luke 21.5–19 St Peter's, Hinton St Mary No Service St Mary's, Sturminster Newton 11:00am Benefice Holy Communion St Thomas', Lydlinch No Service														
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