

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 23rd November 2025 – Christ the King

St Mary's

St Peter's

St Thomas'

11:00am Holy Communion
6:00pm Evensong

9:30am Holy Communion

11:00am Morning Prayer

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Jeremiah 23.1-6

23 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back

to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength, • a
very present help in trouble;
² Therefore we will not fear, though
the earth be moved, • and
though the mountains tremble in
the heart of the sea;
³ Though the waters rage and
swell, • and though the

mountains quake at the towering seas.

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, • the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she not be removed; • God shall help her at the break of day.

⁶ The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, • but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; • the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ Come and behold the works of the Lord, • what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.

⁹ He makes wars to cease in all the world; • he shatters the bow and snaps the spear and burns the chariots in the fire.

¹⁰ 'Be still, and know that I am God; • I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.'

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Colossians 1.11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom

we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 23.32-43

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King

of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into

your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

Benefice Bible Study Wednesday 26th November 2.30pm - 4:00pm at the Vicarage. All welcome

The St. Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 2025 will run from Saturday 29th November to Wednesday 3rd December. 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 Coffee Morning Friday 5th December 10:30 - 12:00 in the Church Hall. All welcome

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 27th February 2026.

Services & Events in the Benefice Tuesday, 25th November 9:30am – Tots & Toast – St Mary's Church Hall Wednesday, 26th November 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's Friday, 28th November 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's	Sunday 30th November – Advent Readings: Isaiah 2.1–5 Psalm 122 Romans 13.11–end Matthew 24.36–44. St Peter's, Hinton St Mary No Service St Mary's, Sturminster Newton 11:00am Benefice Holy Communion with a Baptism 6:00pm Advent Carol Service St Thomas', Lydlinch 09:30am Holy Communion												
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