

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 15th March 2026 – Mothering Sunday

St Mary's

St Peter's

St Thomas'

11:00am Holy Communion

9:30am Morning Prayer

6:00pm Evensong

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

Exodus 2.1-10

2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister

stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. ‘This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,’ she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

Psalm 127

¹ Unless the Lord builds the house, • those who build it labour in vain.

² Unless the Lord keeps the city, • the guard keeps watch in vain.

³ It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil, • for he gives his beloved sleep.

⁴ Children are a heritage from the Lord • and the fruit of the womb is his gift.

Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with

gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

John 19.25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Big Clean of St. Mary's. The church looks lovely. We are all very grateful.

Christians Together in Stur Lent Course - Methodist Church - Fridays 10.30am - 12 noon until 27th March. Repeated Mondays 7:00pm for 7.30pm - 9:00pm until 30th March.

St. Mary's East Window 15th March 11:00am service, we will thank God for the recent work done and on Friday 24th April 7:00pm in Church, we will thank people who've enabled this work, including with displays and refreshments.

St. Mary's: The annual Notice of Revision of the Church Electoral Roll is posted on 15th March. The Revision period is from 1st April to 12th April. After that, no Application(s) for Enrolment can be accepted until after the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting (Tuesday, 28 April 2026). If you are not already on the Electoral Roll and wish to be able to vote during the APCM please complete an Application Form (available on the publications bookcase in Church) and hand it to a Churchwarden or the Electoral Roll Officer (Tony Atkinson) before or on Sunday 12th April.

Hooper Bistro for the Bells at the Hall - reservations can now be made for the on 21st March. Tables can be booked for 2/4/6 /8 from 7:00pm. The food is cooked and supplied by Nick Dalton and is £25 for 3 courses. Bookings 07969171652. All in aid of the Lydlinch Bells.

<p>Services & Events in the Benefice</p> <p>Tuesday, 17th March 9:30am – Tots & Toast – St Mary’s Church Hall</p> <p>Wednesday, 18th March 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary’s</p> <p>Friday, 20th March 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary’s</p>	<p>Sunday 22nd March – Lent 5</p> <p>Readings: Ezekiel 37.1–14 Psalm 130 Romans 8.6–11 John 11.1–45</p> <p>St Peter’s, Hinton St Mary 9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>St Mary’s, Sturminster Newton 11:00am Holy Communion 6:00pm Evensong</p> <p>St Thomas’, Lydlinch 11:00am Morning Prayer</p>												
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<p>Lay Pastoral Assistants: For Communion at home or pastoral visits, please contact: Carol Moody ☎ 01258 721 729 Fiona Norman ☎ 01258 472 693</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>												
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