

# 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 19 April 2026 – Easter 3

*St Mary's*

*St Peter's*

*St Thomas'*

11:00am – Holy Communion

9:30am – Morning Prayer

6:00pm - Evensong

### Collect

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened  
the disciples with the sight of the risen  
Lord:

give us such knowledge of his  
presence with us, that we may be  
strengthened and sustained by his  
risen life and serve you continually in  
righteousness and truth;  
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.

### Acts 2.14a,36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven,  
raised his voice and addressed them,

Therefore let the entire house of Israel  
know with certainty that God has  
made him both Lord and Messiah, this  
Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were  
cut to the heart and said to Peter and  
to the other apostles, "Brothers, what  
should we do?" Peter said to them,  
"Repent, and be baptized every one of  
you in the name of Jesus Christ so that

your sins may be forgiven; and you will  
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For  
the promise is for you, for your  
children, and for all who are far away,  
everyone whom the Lord our God  
calls to him."

And he testified with many other  
arguments and exhorted them, saying,  
"Save yourselves from this corrupt  
generation." So those who welcomed  
his message were baptized, and that  
day about three thousand persons  
were added.

### Psalm 116.1-7

- <sup>1</sup> I love the Lord,  
for he has heard the voice of my  
supplication; •  
because he inclined his ear to me  
on the day I called to him.
- <sup>2</sup> The snares of death encompassed  
me;  
the pains of hell took hold of me; •  
by grief and sorrow was I held.
- <sup>3</sup> Then I called upon the name of the  
Lord: •  
'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my  
soul.'

- 4 Gracious is the Lord and  
righteous; •  
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the  
simple; •  
I was brought very low and he  
saved me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my  
soul, •  
for the Lord has been gracious to  
you.
- 7 For you have delivered my soul  
from death, •  
my eyes from tears and my feet  
from falling.

### **I Peter 1.17-23**

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

### **Luke 24.13-35**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not

necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us

while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### **Post Communion**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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## **News and Notices**

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

### **Benefice Bible Study**

22 April 2:30pm-4pm in The Vicarage - All welcome.

### **St Mary's East Window**

24 April at 7pm in St. Mary's, all are welcome to come to hear about the work, including displays, and we will express our thanks to the many people who've enabled the project to happen. Refreshments afterwards.

### **St. Mary's APCM 28 April 7pm**

If you would like to see the reports beforehand, please give your email to the Vicar or a Warden, or ask for a printed copy. There are Warden, Deanery Synod and PCC vacancies. Please pray.

### **Sturminster Newton Volunteer Fair**

25 April 11am-1pm The Exchange. Stalls of many local community groups and organisations, including Christians Together. See how you can make a difference locally

### **Salisbury Sudan Partnership Day 16 May**

10am-4pm St. Francis' Church, Salisbury, SPI 3PN. See poster in church with email if you plan to attend

<p><b>Services &amp; Events in the Benefice</b></p> <p><b>Mon, 20 April</b> 7:00pm – St Thomas' PCC</p> <p><b>Tue, 21 April</b> 9:30am – Tots &amp; Toast – St Mary's Church Hall</p> <p><b>Wed, 22 April</b> 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's</p> <p><b>Fri, 24 April</b> 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's</p>	<p><b>Sun 26 Apr – Easter 4</b> <b>Readings:</b> Acts 2.42-47   Psalm 23   1 Peter 2.19-end   John 10.1-10</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 6:00pm Evensong</p> <p><b>St Thomas', Lydlinch</b> 11:00am Blessing of Pets</p>												
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<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</p>	<p><b>Administration:</b> Please pass any notices or news for the pew sheets to <a href="mailto:office.sturbenefice@gmail.com">office.sturbenefice@gmail.com</a> by noon Wednesday.</p>												
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