

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 12 April 2026 – Easter 2

St Mary's

9:30am – Morning Prayer
6:00pm – Evensong

St Peter's

9:30am – Morning Prayer

St Thomas'

11:00am – Holy
Communion

Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Acts 2.14a,22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he

is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Psalm 16

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; •

I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,
all my good depends on you.'
2 All my delight is upon the godly that
are in the land, •
upon those who are noble in heart.
3 Though the idols are legion
that many run after, •
their drink offerings of blood I will
not offer,
neither make mention of their names
upon my lips.
4 The Lord himself is my portion and
my cup; •
in your hands alone is my fortune.
5 My share has fallen in a fair land; •
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
6 I will bless the Lord who has given
me counsel, •
and in the night watches he instructs
my heart.
7 I have set the Lord always before me;
•
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my
spirit rejoices; •
my flesh also shall rest secure.
9 For you will not abandon my soul to
Death, •
nor suffer your faithful one to see the
Pit.
10 You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy
•
and in your right hand are pleasures
for evermore.

I Peter 1.3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and

unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Jesus and Thomas

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and

Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' The Purpose of This Book

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are

written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

Electoral Rolls

St Thomas', Lydlinch: The annual Notice of Revision of the Church Electoral Roll is posted on 22nd March 2026. The Revision period is from 14th April to 25th April. After that, no Application(s) for Enrolment can be accepted until after the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting (11th May 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 table in the Church, or email Loiusaelwes@gmail.com) and hand it to a Churchwarden or the Electoral Roll Officer (Louisa Elwes) before or on 24th April.

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

<p>Services & Events in the Benefice</p> <p>Tue, 14 April 9:30am – Tots & Toast – St Mary’s Church Hall</p> <p>Wed, 15 April 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary’s</p> <p>Fri, 17 April 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary’s</p>	<p>Sun 19 Apr – Easter 3</p> <p>Readings: Acts 2.14a,36-41 Psalm 116.1-7 1 Peter 1.17-23 Luke 24.13-35</p> <p>St Peter’s, Hinton St Mary 9:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>St Mary’s, Sturminster Newton 11:00am Holy Communion</p> <p>St Thomas’, Lydlinch 6:00pm Evensong</p>												
<p>Vicar: Rev Mary Gubbins revd.mary.gubbins@gmail.com ☎ 07440 680 387</p> <p>Benefice Safeguarding Officer: Mrs. Nicole Forbes-Marshall ☎07960 827108 nicoleforbes@btinternet.com</p>	<p>Find us on A Church Near You (www.achurchnearyou.com) and then enter Sturminster Newton, Lydlinch or Hinton St. Mary</p>												
<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>Administration: Please pass any notices or news for the pew sheets to office.sturbenefice@gmail.com by noon Wednesday.</p>												
<p>Mother’s Union Brenda Stables (b.stables@btinternet.com)</p>													
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