

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 26 April 2026 – Easter 4

St Mary's

St Peter's

St Thomas'

11:00am – Holy Communion
6:00pm – Evensong

9:30am – Holy Communion

11:00am – Blessing of the
Pets

Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your
Father's sheep:

teach us to hear your voice and to
follow your command, that all your
people may be gathered into one
flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 2.42-end

They devoted themselves to the
apostles' teaching and fellowship, to
the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because
many wonders and signs were being
done by the apostles. All who believed
were together and had all things in
common; they would sell their
possessions and goods and distribute
the proceeds to all, as any had need.
Day by day, as they spent much time
together in the temple, they broke
bread at home and ate their food with
glad and generous hearts, praising God
and having the goodwill of all the
people. And day by day the Lord added
to their number those who were being
saved.

Psalm 23

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; •
therefore can I lack nothing.
- ² He makes me lie down in green
pastures •
and leads me beside still waters.
- ³ He shall refresh my soul •
and guide me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; •
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they
comfort me.
- ⁵ You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who
trouble me; •
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and loving mercy
shall follow me
all the days of my life, •
and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord for ever.

I Peter 2.19-end

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10.1-10

10 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the

shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

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.

Salisbury Sudan Partnership Day 16 May

10am-4pm St. Francis' Church, Salisbury, SP1 3PN. See poster in church with email if you plan to attend

Sturminster Big Weekend

On Saturday 6th June at the Big Weekend, St Mary's will be running a tombola to raise money for our church. If you have either non-perishable food or toiletry items we could put in the tombola that would be much appreciated. You can give items to the church wardens, Mary or Tony and Brenda. There will also be a box in the main entrance to St Mary's church for you to leave items. If you would like your gift to be collected, please email Tony at tandbstables@btinternet.com or ring 01258 471487.

On 7 June from 12noon in the Railway Garden, our Mother's Union will be part of the Big Lunch

<p>Services & Events in the Benefice</p> <p>Tue, 28 April 9:30am – Tots & Toast – St Mary’s Church Hall</p> <p>Wed, 29 April 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary’s</p> <p>Fri, 01 May 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary’s</p>	<p>Sun 3 May – Easter 5</p> <p>Readings: Acts 7.55–end Psalm 31.1–5 1 Peter 2.2–10 John 14.1–14</p> <p>St Peter’s, Hinton St Mary 9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>St Mary’s, Sturminster Newton 11:00am Holy Communion</p> <p>St Thomas’, Lydlinch No service</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>												
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