

# 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 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Easter 7**

***St Mary's***

***St Peter's***

***St Thomas'***

11:00am Holy Communion  
with the  
Commissioning of the PCC

9:30am Morning Prayer

6:00pm Rogation Evensong

## **Collect**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **Acts 1.6–14**

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’ Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## **Psalm 68.1–10**

- <sup>1</sup> Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; • let those that hate him flee before him.
- <sup>2</sup> As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; • as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- <sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; • let them make merry with gladness.
- <sup>4</sup> Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides on the clouds. • The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.
- <sup>5</sup> Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, • God in his holy habitation!
- <sup>6</sup> God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, • but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.
- <sup>7</sup> O God, when you went forth before your people, • when you marched through the wilderness,
- <sup>8</sup> The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain, at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, • at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- <sup>9</sup> You sent down a gracious rain, O God; • you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.
- <sup>10</sup> Your people came to dwell there; • in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.

## **1 Peter 4.12–14; 5.6–11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among

you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

## **John 17.1–11**

**17** After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify

me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and

yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

### **Post Communion**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## **News and Notices**

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

**St. Peter's APCM** 19th May 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

**Mothers' Union** – on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 2:00pm at 36, Dashwood Close, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1PF. All Welcome.

**St Thomas a Becket Friday 5th June**, the Songbirds will be in concert. Doors open 7:00 pm, tickets £12:50 including Refreshments - in aid of the church and the bells.

**Sturminster Big Weekend on Saturday 6th June** in the Railway Gardens, 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 Mary, the church wardens, 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](mailto:tandbstables@btinternet.com) or ring 01258 471487.

On **Sunday 7th June** from 12:00 noon in the Railway Garden, our Mother's Union will be running a stall with games for children as part of The Big Lunch.

A date for your diary **Sunday 28th June** Tea in the Garden at the Old Rectory, Stock Gaylard - in aid of the Bells

<p><b>Services &amp; Events in the Benefice</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>            9:30am – Tots &amp; Toast – St Mary’s Church Hall            7:30pm St Peter’s APCM</p> <p><b>Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>            10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary’s            2:00pm - Mothers’ Union</p> <p><b>Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>            6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary’s</p>	<p><b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost</b>  <b>Readings:</b> Acts 2.1–21   Psalm 104.26–end   I Corinthians 12.3b –13   John 7.37–39.</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 Mattins</p>										
<p><b>Vicar:</b>            Rev Mary Gubbins            revd.mary.gubbins@gmail.com            ☎ 07440 680 387</p> <p><b>Benefice Safeguarding Officer</b>            Mrs. Nicole Forbes-Marshall            07960 827108            nicoleforbes@btinternet.com</p>	<p><b>Administration:</b>            Please pass any notices or news for the pew sheets to            office.sturbenefice@gmail.com            by noon Wednesday.</p>										
<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>Find us by putting Put 'A Church near you' in your search engine and then enter Sturminster Newton, Lydlinch or Hinton St. Mary</p>										
<p><b>Mothers’ Union Secretary:</b> Brenda Stables (b.stables@btinternet.com)</p>											
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