

# 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 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 – Trinity**

***St Mary's***

No Service

***St Peter's***

No Service

***St Thomas'***

11:00am Benefice Holy  
Communion

## **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.

## **Isaiah 40.12–17, 27–end**

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught

him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, ‘My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God’? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run

and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

### **Psalm 8**

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord our governor, • how glorious is your name in all the world!
- <sup>2</sup> Your majesty above the heavens is praised • out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
- <sup>3</sup> You have founded a stronghold against your foes, • that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
- <sup>4</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, • the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
- <sup>5</sup> What is man, that you should be mindful of him; • the son of man, that you should seek him out?
- <sup>6</sup> You have made him little lower than the angels • and crown him with glory and honour.
- <sup>7</sup> You have given him dominion over the works of your hands • and put all things under his feet,
- <sup>8</sup> All sheep and oxen, • even the wild beasts of the field,
- <sup>9</sup> The birds of the air, the fish of the sea • and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
- <sup>10</sup> O Lord our governor, • how glorious is your name in all the world!

### **2 Corinthians 13.11–end**

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal,

agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

### **Matthew 28.16–end**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

### **Post Communion**

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

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## **News and Notices**

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

**St. Mary's Coffee Morning 5th June** 10:30am-12noon in St. Mary's Church Hall. 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. Please call 07741652713 to reserve your tickets.

**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.

**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.

**Advance Notice: 20th & 21st June** 2:00pm-5:00pm Hinton St Mary Gardens Open 2026, Explore the Manor House Gardens & 15-20 other village gardens. Refreshments available in the beautiful Tithe Barn with a Plant Stall outside. In aid of St. Peter's Church.

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

**Services & Events in the Benefice**

**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

9:30am – Tots & Toast – St  
Mary's Church Hall

**Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

10:00am – Holy Communion –  
St Mary's

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June**

6:30pm – Choir Practice – St  
Mary's

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> After  
Trinity**

**Readings:** Genesis 12.1–9|  
Psalm 33.1–12 | Romans 4.13–end|  
Matthew 9.9–13, 18–26|

**St Peter's, Hinton St Mary**

9:30am Holy Communion

**St Mary's, Sturminster Newton**

11:00am Holy Communion

**St Thomas', Lydlinch**

No Service

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