

**THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON,
HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH**

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 21 June 2026 – Trinity 3 (Proper 7)

St Mary's

St Peter's

St Thomas'

11:00am – Holy Communion

9:30am – Morning Prayer

6:00pm – Evensong
with commissioning of PCC &
refreshments

Collect

God our saviour, look on this
wounded world in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ.

1st Reading

Jeremiah 20.7–13

O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all day
long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, ‘Violence and
destruction!’
For the word of the Lord has become
for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, ‘I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name’,
then within me there is something like
a burning fire

shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering:
‘Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’
All my close friends

are watching for me to stumble.

‘Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him.’

But the Lord is with me like a dread
warrior;

therefore my persecutors will
stumble,

and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonour
will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, you test the
righteous,

you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon

them,

for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Psalm 69.14–20

- ¹⁴ But as for me, I make my prayer to you, O Lord; •
at an acceptable time, O God.
- ¹⁵ Answer me, O God, in the abundance of your mercy •
and with your sure salvation.
- ¹⁶ Draw me out of the mire, that I sink not; •
let me be rescued from those who hate me
and out of the deep waters.
- ¹⁷ Let not the water flood drown me, neither the deep swallow me up; •
let not the Pit shut its mouth upon me.
- ¹⁸ Answer me, Lord, for your loving-kindness is good; •
turn to me in the multitude of your mercies.
- ¹⁹ Hide not your face from your servant; •
be swift to answer me, for I am in trouble.
- ²⁰ Draw near to my soul and redeem me; •
deliver me because of my enemies.

Romans 6.1b–11

6 What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who

have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10.24–39

‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill

the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her

mother-in-law;

and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Post Communion

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

Hinton St Mary Gardens Open 2026

Today from 2:00pm-5:00pm Hinton St Mary; 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.

Archdeacon's Visitation

St. Gregory's, Marnhull 23 June 7pm. Please pray for all our churchwardens being sworn into office for the year.

Benefice Bible Study – 24 June

At the Vicarage 2:30pm-4pm All welcome

St Thomas’ Tea in the Garden

Sunday 28 June at The Old Rectory , Stock Gaylard DT10 2BG 2:30 -5 pm . Admission including Tea £8, stalls, raffle, easy parking; Dogs on leads welcome. Children under 10 free. All proceeds towards Lydlinch Bells Restoration Fund

Christians Together in Stur Holiday Club

11 - 14 August; Please can you give the Vicar, any magazine pages with full length pictures of people and fish, and the 'clean as possible' pump of hand washing containers.

St. Mary's Share Table

By the coffee after every Sunday service, please donate any excess fruit, vegetables, plants or flowers you've grown so others can take for a small donation to aid our church funds.

<p>Services & Events in the Benefice</p> <p>Tue, 23 Jun 9:30am – Tots & Toast – St Mary's Church Hall</p> <p>Wed, 24 Jun 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's</p> <p>Fri, 26 Jun 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's</p>	<p>Sun 28 June – Trinity 4</p> <p>Readings: Jeremiah 28.5–9 Psalm 89.8–18 Romans 6.12–end Matthew 10.40–end</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>6:00pm Evensong</p> <p>St Thomas', Lydlinch 11:00am – Morning Prayer</p>												
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<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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