

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 26TH July 2026 – Trinity 8

St Mary's

St Peter's

St Thomas'

11:00am Holy Communion
6:00pm Evensong

9:30 Morning Prayer

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Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1 Kings 3.5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, ‘Ask what I should give you.’ And Solomon said, ‘You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have

made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?’ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, ‘Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

Psalm 119.129-136

- ¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful; • therefore my soul keeps them.
- ¹³⁰ The opening of your word gives light; • it gives understanding to the simple.
- ¹³¹ I open my mouth and draw in my breath, • as I long for your commandments.
- ¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me, • as is your way with those who love your name.
- ¹³³ Order my steps by your word, • and let no wickedness have dominion over me.
- ¹³⁴ Redeem me from earthly oppressors • so that I may keep your commandments.
- ¹³⁵ Show the light of your countenance upon your servant • and teach me your statutes.
- ¹³⁶ My eyes run down with streams of water, • because the wicked do not keep your law.

Romans 8.26-end

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that

he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes

a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where

there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

PASTA PLEASE! On Sunday 9th August there will be a collection of donations for The North Dorset Women's Refuge. Following a talk by Sara Jackson at the Deanery Synod, our PCC has agreed to support this charity, and they have asked us for PASTA PLEASE! There will be a box in the porch for any early or late donations to be left, but it would be lovely if we could do a big collection for items on 9th Aug at 9.30am morning prayer. There are posters with information about the charity, and Sara has asked us specifically for pasta, plus any dried or tinned goods so that the first day or two in Refuge is covered for families. She says their cupboards are almost bare. Please help if you can. Thank you Fiona.

6th August Church Army speaker at St Mary's Holy Communion service at 11:00am.

Christians Together in Stur Holiday Club 11th – 14th August 10:00-12:00 at The Methodist Church. Aimed at Primary School children.

Advance Notice: 16th September at St. Mary's 2:00pm To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Mothers Union a Thanksgiving Songs of Praise Service with hymns chosen by MU members followed by refreshments in the Church Hall with displays about the MU. All (especially if you're not a MU member) welcome.

Services & Events in the Benefice Wednesday, 29th July 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's Friday, 31st July 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's	Sunday 2nd August – Trinity 9 Readings: Isaiah 55. 1-5 Psalm 145.8–9, 15–end Romans 9. 1-5 Matthew 14. 13-21 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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