

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday -9 August 2026 – Trinity 10

St Mary's

St Peter's

St Thomas'

9:30am – Morning Prayer
6:00pm - Evensong

9:30am – Morning Prayer

11:00am – Holy Communion

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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.

1 Kings 19.9–18

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’

He said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord

is about to pass by.’ Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’ Then the Lord said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint

Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-Meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

Psalms 85.8–13

- ⁸ I will listen to what the Lord God will say, •
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,
that they turn not again to folly.
- ⁹ Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, •
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Mercy and truth are met together •
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
- ¹¹ Truth shall spring up from the earth •
and righteousness look down from heaven.
- ¹² The Lord will indeed give all that is good, •
and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³ Righteousness shall go before him •
and direct his steps in the way.

Romans 10.5–15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will

descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

'The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Matthew 14.22–33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against

them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who
trust in you:

look upon us with your favour that
we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of
life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 in St Mary's. Following a talk by Sara Jackson at the Deanery Synod, St Mary's PCC has agreed to support this charity, and they have asked us for PASTA PLEASE! Please help if you can. Thank you Fiona.

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

GUEST SPEAKER on 16th August Church Army speaker at St Mary's Holy Communion service at 11:00am.

Tots'n'Toast Summer Picnic Tuesday 18 August 11:00am to 1:00pm in the Recreation Ground (St Mary's Church Hall if raining).

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.

Contactless Donations

The SumUp devices in each church are an effective way to donate. In July, St Mary's collected £122 for a fee of just £1.79, yielding £120.21. Gift aid may be collected for all donations under £30. Please fill the form on the device for larger gifts. Please continue to support in whatever way suits you.

Services & Events in the Benefice Wed, 12 Aug 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's Fri, 14 Aug 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's	Sun 16 Aug – Trinity 11 Readings: Isaiah 56.1, 6–8 Psalm 67 Romans 11.1–2a , 29–32 Matthew 15.21–28 St Peter's, Hinton St Mary 9:30am Morning Prayer St Mary's, Sturminster Newton 11:00am Holy Communion St Thomas', Lydlinch 6:00pm Evensong				
Vicar: Rev Mary Gubbins revd.mary.gubbins@gmail.com ☎ 07440 680 387 Benefice Safeguarding Officer: Mrs. Nicole Forbes-Marshall ☎ 07960 827108 nicoleforbes@btinternet.com	Find us on A Church Near You (www.achurchnearyou.com) and then enter Sturminster Newton, Lydlinch or Hinton St. Mary				
Lay Pastoral Assistants: For Communion at home or pastoral visits, please contact: Carol Moody ☎ 01258 721 729 Fiona Norman ☎ 01258 472 693	Administration: Please pass any notices or news for the pew sheets to office.sturbenefice@gmail.com by noon Wednesday.				
Mother's Union Brenda Stables (b.stables@btinternet.com)					
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