

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday -30 August 2026 – Trinity 13

St Mary's

11:00am – Benefice Holy
Communion

St Peter's

No Service

St Thomas'

No Service

Collect

Almighty God,

who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the
world to yourself:

help us to proclaim the good news of
your love, that all who hear it may be
drawn to you;

through him who was lifted up on the
cross, and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever.

Jeremiah 15.15–21

O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on
my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me
away;

know that on your account I suffer
insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,

O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of
merrymakers,

nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat
alone,

for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing,

my wound incurable,

refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful
brook,

like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not
what is worthless,

you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,

but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the
wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the
ruthless.

Psalms 26.1–8

- ¹ Give judgement for me, O Lord,
for I have walked with integrity; •
I have trusted in the Lord and have
not faltered.
- ² Test me, O Lord, and try me; •
examine my heart and my mind.
- ³ For your love is before my eyes; •
I have walked in your truth.
- ⁴ I have not joined the company of the
false, •
nor consorted with the deceitful.
- ⁵ I hate the gathering of evildoers •
and I will not sit down with the
wicked.
- ⁶ I will wash my hands in innocence, O
Lord, •
that I may go about your altar,
- ⁷ To make heard the voice of
thanksgiving •
and tell of all your wonderful deeds.
- ⁸ Lord, I love the house of your
habitation •
and the place where your glory
abides.

Romans 12.9–end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold
fast to what is good; love one another
with mutual affection; outdo one another
in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be
ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in
hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in
prayer. Contribute to the needs of the
saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and
do not curse them. Rejoice with those
who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
Live in harmony with one another; do not
be haughty, but associate with the lowly;
do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do
not repay anyone evil for evil, but take
thought for what is noble in the sight of
all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on
you, live peaceably with all. Beloved,
never avenge yourselves, but leave room
for the wrath of God; for it is written,
‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the
Lord.’ No, ‘if your enemies are hungry,
feed them; if they are thirsty, give them
something to drink; for by doing this you
will heap burning coals on their heads.’
Do not be overcome by evil, but
overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16.21–end

From that time on, Jesus began to show
his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem
and undergo great suffering at the hands
of the elders and chief priests and scribes,
and be killed, and on the third day be
raised. And Peter took him aside and
began to rebuke him, saying, ‘God forbid
it, Lord! This must never happen to you.’
But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get
behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-
block to me; for you are setting your
mind not on divine things but on human
things.’

Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want
to become my followers, let them deny
themselves and take up their cross and
follow me. For those who want to save
their life will lose it, and those who lose
their life for my sake will find it. For what
will it profit them if they gain the whole
world but forfeit their life? Or what will
they give in return for their life?’

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Post Communion

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord..

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

St Mary's Coffee Morning

Friday 4 September 1030-1200 in St. Mary's Church Hall. All welcome.

Lydlinch Bells update

We have nearly raised the amount needed for the bells so come and get your Tea and Cake from the Lydlinch stall at the Oakfair TODAY!. All profits to the Bell Fund.

On September 27 the William Barnes Society at St Thomas will host a fund raiser for the bells (more to follow).

Ride & Stride 2026

The annual Dorset Historic Churches Trust fund raiser Ride and Stride is on the 12 September. Please support this as generous grants have recently been given to St Mary's and to St Thomas'. Chris Pearson is riding for St Mary's (his sponsorship form is at the back of St. Mary's). Please contact Fiona Norman for St. Mary's, Kevin Peto Bostick for St Peter's and John Barrett for St Thomas's. At St. Mary's, Sue Stroud will be setting up refreshments for the riders and striders - If you can spare an hour or two to sit in church to welcome visitors, please sign up on the list at the back of church.

Walk to a coffee morning if you don't fancy walking or cycling or riding!

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.

Sturminster Cattle Market

June 2027 is the 30th anniversary of the last cattle market in Stur. Jacqui Wragg (sturbiz18@gmail.com) is asking for memories, stories, photos and artifacts for an anniversary exhibition.

St. Mary's Sides Team

We urgently need some new members to join our Sides Team. If you are able to help in this important role by welcoming people to church and helping during

services, please let Heidi or Fiona know. Also, we are very grateful to Mike Williams for all that he has done over many years in organising the Sides Team rota, but he is now stepping down due to health reasons. We are therefore looking for someone to take on organising the rota. Again, please let us know if you feel you could do this, or talk to us if you need more information. Thank you

Services & Events in the Benefice Wed, 02 Sep 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's Fri, 04 Sep 10:30am – Coffee Morning – St Mary's Church Hall 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's	Sun 06 Sep – Trinity 14 Readings: Ezekiel 33.7–11 Psalm 119.33–40 Romans 13.8–end Matthew 18.15–20 St Mary's, Sturminster Newton 11:00am Holy Communion St Peter's, Hinton St Mary 9:30am Holy Communion		
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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