

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday - 16 August 2026 – Trinity II

St Mary's

St Peter's

St Thomas'

11:00am – Holy Communion

9:30am – Morning Prayer

6:00pm - Evensong

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching, help us to
lay aside all that prevents us from
seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have to gain the
pearl beyond all price, through our
Saviour Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 56.1, 6–8

56 Thus says the Lord: Maintain
justice, and do what is right, for
soon my salvation will come, and my
deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join
themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name
of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not
profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of
prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their
sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house
of prayer

for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Psalms 67

- ¹ God be gracious to us and bless
us •
and make his face to shine upon us,
- ² That your way may be known upon
earth, •
your saving power among all
nations.
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O
God; •
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ O let the nations rejoice and be
glad, •
for you will judge the peoples
righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O
God; •
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ Then shall the earth bring forth her
increase, •

and God, our own God, will bless us.

⁷ God will bless us, •
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Romans 11.1–2a, 29–32

11 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15.21–28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have

mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

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).

Visit to 'Logos Hope' 15 September

Sturminster Christian Fellowship are planning to hire a minibus to visit the Operation Mobilisation Ship 'Logos Hope' (berthed in Cardiff). You need to be

fit enough to climb multiple stairs (there are 7 decks) Costs shared equally among participants. Book you spot by 18 August. Ring Vera on 07919 338105.

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 on Sunday 30 August. All profits to the Bell Fund. Donations of cakes welcome.

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 's. Please contact Chris Pearson for St Mary's, Kevin Peto Bostick for St Peter's and John Barrett for St Thomas's. 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.

Services & Events in the Benefice Tue, 18 Aug 7:00pm – St Mary's PCC – Church Hall Wed, 19 Aug 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's Fri, 21 Aug 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's	Sun 23 Aug – Trinity 12 Readings: Isaiah 51.1–6 Psalm 138 Romans 12.1–8 Matthew 16.13–20 St Peter's, Hinton St Mary 9:30am Holy Communion St Mary's, Sturminster Newton 11:00am Holy Communion 6:00pm Evensong St Thomas', Lydlinch 11:00am Morning Prayer		
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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