

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 27th September 2026 – Trinity 17

St Mary's

11:00am Holy Communion
6:00pm Evensong

Collect

God of grace, ever creating and restoring, you breathe life into all things and embrace us with an everlasting love; help us to grow in wonder and awe, to embody a spirit of gratitude, and to dream generous dreams; that, in gathering what we have, we may graciously offer ourselves to accomplish what you will, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1 Chronicles 29.10-18

Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said, “Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to

all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name. “But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you search the heart and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people who are present here offering freely and joyously to you. O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you.

Psalm 25

- ¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; • let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.
- ² Let none who look to you be put to shame, • but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.
- ³ Make me to know your ways, O Lord, • and teach me your paths.
- ⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me, • for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long.
- ⁵ Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, • for they are from everlasting.
- ⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, • but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.
- ⁷ Gracious and upright is the Lord; • therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
- ⁸ He will guide the humble in doing right • and teach his way to the lowly.

Colossians 3. 12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect

harmony. And let the peace of Christ¹ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 17. 11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all

good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

St. Mary's Sides Team We urgently need some new members to join our Sides Team. Thank you to Isobel who has agreed to organise the rota on a temporary basis.

Sunday 4th Oct - Shared Harvest lunch in the church hall after the 11 am service. There is a list available at services to sign up if you can join us, and what savoury dish you would like to bring along. Alternatively please let Fiona know as soon as possible for catering purposes, thanks.

St Thomas' has its Harvest Evensong followed by refreshments and auction of produce on Sunday 4th Oct.

St Mary's Churchyard Volunteers: our last session of 2026 will be as planned on **8th Oct at 2pm. Please come along if you are able to help.**

The Mainly Cake Event is on Saturday, 10th October, 10:30 to 12:30 in the Church Hall, raising funds for St Mary's. Please come and support. Donations of anything edible may be given to Anne or Marilyn either before the event or on Saturday 10th. Enjoy refreshments on the day in thanks for donations.

Butterfly services are special services for families who've experienced baby loss and miscarriage, recently or any time in the past. In our area, 10th October 4:00pm St Gregory's Church, Marnhull, & 11th October 3:00pm Christ Church, East Stour.

Pet Blessing Service

At 9:30am on Sunday 11th October in St Peter's Kevin will lead a service to ask God's blessing for pets and companion animals. All pets are welcome.

Advance notice All are warmly welcome to a Pilgrim Praise Service (with a healing theme as on the eve of St. Luke's Day) at St. Mary's on 17th October. Refreshments 6.30pm and service at 7:00pm. Any musicians including singers, are invited to join a rehearsal at St. Mary's at 5.15pm. Please let me know if you plan to come, so any music can be shared with you in advance.

St Mary's Big Autumn Clean - On Thursday 22nd October at 2:00pm we will be cleaning the high areas of the church using ladders and long brushes. On Friday 23rd October at 10:00am we will clean the lower areas. Everyone is welcome on either or both days. Tea and biscuits will be served. Please contact Vivien Floyd on 07713285067 or vilascka@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Services & Events in the Benefice Tuesday, 29th September 9:30am – Tots & Toast – St Mary's Church Hall 7:00pm St Mary's PCC Wednesday, 30th September 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's Friday, 2nd October 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's	Sunday 4th October – Trinity 18 Readings: St. Mary's and St. Thomas', Deuteronomy 29. 1-14, Psalm 65. 8-13, 1 Timothy 6. 6-10. Matthew 13. 24-30. St. Peter's, Isaiah 5. 1-7, Psalm 80.9-17, Philippians 3. 4b-14 Matthew 21. 33-end. St Peter's, Hinton St Mary 9:30am Holy communion St Mary's, Sturminster Newton 11:00am Holy Communion St Thomas', Lydlinch 6:00pm Harvest Evensong				
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