

THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 6th September 2026 – Trinity 14

St Mary's

St Peter's

St Thomas'

11:00am Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

No Service

Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.
Amen.

Ezekiel 33.7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked ones, you shall surely die’, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal,

say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: ‘Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalms 119.33-40

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes • and I shall keep it to the end.
³⁴ Give me understanding and I shall keep your law; • I shall keep it with my whole heart.
³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, • for therein is my delight.
³⁶ Incline my heart to your testimonies • and not to unjust gain.

³⁷ Turn away my eyes lest they gaze on vanities; • O give me life in your ways.

³⁸ Confirm to your servant your promise, • which stands for all who fear you.

³⁹ Turn away the reproach which I dread, • because your judgements are good.

⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your commandments; • in your righteousness give me life.

Romans 13.8-end

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no

provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18.15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

Benefice Bible Study 9th September 2:30pm – 4:00pm at the Vicarage. All welcome.

Ride & Stride 2026 The annual Dorset Historic Churches Trust fund raiser Ride and Stride is on the 12th 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!

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

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

Advance Notice of St. Mary's Focus on Stewardship On 20th September the Holy Communion service will focus on Generosity and on 27th September on Gratitude.

Lydlinch Bells update We have nearly raised the amount needed for the bells, on September 27th the William Barnes Society at St. Thomas will host a fund raiser for the bells (more to follow).

Advance notice - Sunday 4th Oct is our Shared Harvest Lunch in the hall after the 11am service. There will be a list at the back of the church next week, so please get ready to sign up if you can join us, and what savoury dish you would like to bring along.

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

Services & Events in the Benefice Tuesday, 8th September 9:30am – Tots & Toast – St Mary's Church Hall Wednesday, 9th September 10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's Friday, 10th September 6:30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's	Sunday 13th September – Trinity 15 Readings: Genesis 50.15–21 Psalm 103.8–13 Romans 14.1–12 Matthew 18.21–35 St Peter's, Hinton St Mary 9:30am Morning Prayer St Mary's, Sturminster Newton 9:30am Holy Communion 6:00pm Evensong St Thomas', Lydlinch 11:00am Holy Communion				
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