THE BENEFICE OF STURMINSTER NEWTON, HINTON ST MARY AND LYDLINCH

‘Making Christ's Love Known to All’

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Sunday 1st November 2026 – All Saints’ Day

St Mary’s	*St Peter’s*	*St Thomas’*
11:00am Holy Communion with Holy Baptism 4:00pm All Souls Memorial	9:30am Holy Communion and Memorial Service	No Service

Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Revelation 7.9–end

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

Psalm 34.1–10

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; • his
praise shall ever be in my mouth.

[2] My soul shall glory in the Lord; • let
the humble hear and be glad.
[3] O magnify the Lord with me; • let us
exalt his name together.
[4] I sought the Lord and he answered
me • and delivered me from all my
fears.
[5] Look upon him and be radiant • and
your faces shall not be ashamed.
[6] This poor soul cried, and the Lord
heard me • and saved me from all
my troubles.
[7] The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him • and
delivers them.
[8] O taste and see that the Lord is
gracious; • blessed is the one who
trusts in him.
[9] Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,
• for those who fear him lack
nothing.
[10] Lions may lack and suffer hunger, •
but those who seek the Lord lack
nothing that is good.

1 John 3.1–3

3 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5.1–12

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

News and Notices

All events are open to all across the Benefice.

St Mary's Church Boiler

St. Mary's Church Boiler has died. It will take a while to find the right solution, for now and the future. So, if you're coming to St. Mary's, wrap up well.

Can you help?

Could you volunteer once a month to print off our Benefice Pew sheets using the photocopier in St. Mary's Church Hall. Training will be provided. Many will be grateful. Contact the Vicar.

All Souls Memorial Services

St Peter's Church, 1st November 9.30am names of loved ones who've died will be read out in the Holy Communion Service. Sheet at the back of church or please let the Vicar know

All Souls Memorial Service to remember loved ones who've died is at St. Mary's Church 1st November 4:00pm (refreshments from 3:00pm in the Church Hall). Sheet at the back of church or please let the Vicar know.

St Mary's Coffee Morning 6th November 10:30am-12:00 St. Mary's Church Hall. All welcome.

St. Mary's Christmas Tree Festival. This starts on Saturday 28th Nov, and runs through to Wednesday 2nd Dec. Help is needed please!. **We need people** to welcome visitors to the church during the festival, and extra help to serve refreshments on Saturday evening as part of the Make Stur Sparkle Christmas Light Switch on. Please sign the list at the back of church. **We also need donations** of jars of instant hot chocolate drink, wrapped chocolate biscuits, and mince pies. Please ask Fiona or Lucy for more details. Thank you.

Services & Events in the Benefice

Tuesday, 3rd November
9:30am – Tots & Toast – St Mary's Church Hall

Wednesday, 4th November
10:00am – Holy Communion – St Mary's

Friday, 6th November
10:30am – St Mary's Coffee Morning
6:00pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance

Remembrance Readings: Micah 4. 1-5 | Psalm 85. 8-13 | John 15. 9-17

Readings Amos 5.18-24 | Psalm 70 | 1 Thessalonians 4. 13-end | Matthew 25. 1-3

St Peter's, Hinton St Mary
10:50am Remembrance

St Mary's, Sturminster Newton
8:00am Holy Communion
10:15am Remembrance
6:00pm Evensong

St Thomas', Lydlinch
10:50am Remembrance

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