

St Mary's Parish Newsletter

17th March to 16th March



St Mary's LINTON

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(Any items to be included in the next Newsletter to be received by **9am** on **25th March, Monday**, thank you)

LENT GROUPS 2024 – SEE PAGE 7

Services for Sunday 17th March, Lent 5:

8am: BCP Communion (Said)

10am: Church: Parish Communion

10am: Horseheath: Holy Communion

6pm: Bartlow: Evensong for the Linton Parishes

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33

This week:

Monday 18th 11am: Nichols Court Holy Communion

Monday 18th 7.30pm: Mother's Union (*Church*)

Wednesday 20th, 9.30am: Granta School Visit

Wednesday 20th, 7pm: Bellringing at St Mary's, Linton

Thursday 21st, 10am Holy Communion (Said)

Friday 22nd, 9am: Linton Infant School service

Friday 22nd, 4pm: Evening Prayer

Saturday 23rd, 7.30pm: The New Cambridge Singers Concert

Services for NEXT Sunday, 24th March, Palm Sunday

8am: BCP Communion (Said)

10am: Café Church

10am: Bartlow: Palm Sunday Morning Worship

10am: Shudy Camps: Holy Communion for Palm Sunday

Readings: John 12:12-16; Philippians 2:5-11

The following week:

Monday 25th, 11am: Symonds House Morning Worship

Monday 25th, 6pm: Compline

Tuesday 26th, 6pm: Compline

Wednesday 27th, 6pm: Compline

Wednesday 27th, 7pm: Church: Bell Ringing

Maundy Thursday 28th, 7.30pm: Holy Communion & Vigil

Maundy Thursday 28th, 9am: Linton Infant's Easter Day

Maundy Thursday 28th, 6pm: Shudy Camps: Agape & Watch

Good Friday 29th, 10am: Village Hall: Messy Church

Good Friday 29th, 12pm: Horseheath: Liturgy for Good Friday

Good Friday 29th, 3pm: Music & Readings for the Passion

Please remember in your prayers:

The families of the late: Maggie Richardson, Derk Moss

For healing: Joe Cooper, Maurice Smith, Celia Fisher, Brenda Cole and Michael Horton.

*To add to this list please contact the Parish Coordinator or Rector
or use the sheet at the back of the church.*

UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS

Lent Lunches 2024

All are welcome at our final Lent lunch for 2024 on **Wednesday, March 20th at 12.30pm** (Celia & George Fisher)

Please continue to keep Celia in your prayers for a good recovery, thanks. Donations are invited for this year's charity – Water Aid. The charity's vision "is of a world where everyone, everywhere has safe and sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene." Please Gift Aid your donation if you can do so. No booking is needed, just come along.

The Mothers' Union meeting

on Monday, 18th March at 7.45pm

takes the form of a Lent Meditation and will be led by Revd Paul. All are welcome to join us in the Church for a time of peaceful contemplation and reflection.

"Chorale" – New Cambridge Singers Concert

on Saturday, 23rd March at 7.30pm

The chorale was Martin Luther's answer to a simple question: how to involve the whole congregation of a church in the liturgy. Proceeds will go towards church funds and there will be a retiring collection for United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Tickets from Sue Ellis.

A Passion for Easter by Haverhill Singers

on Saturday, March 23rd at 7pm in West End Congregational Church

Performance of the choruses and chorales from J.S. Bach's masterpiece St. John's Passion, accompanied by a string ensemble from the University of Cambridge. The performance will be augmented by evocative works from Mozart, Purcell, Tallis, Taverner and Gibbons with narration of the Easter story in between choral pieces.

Tickets at just £15 (includes a generous buffet, and hot and cold drinks), book online <https://www.haverhillsingers.org/>

Messy Church - Good Friday

on Friday, 29th March

10am-11.30am in the village hall. Activities, crafts, music, food, family fun for all ages. All are welcome.

Easter Trail

on Saturday, 30th March 10am at St Mary's

We are offering a free event for primary-aged children and their families. Please see below for details of how you can help!

Baby Steps run by St Mary's Church, Linton **starting Friday 26th April 2024**

Five sessions

10.30 – 12.00

Chalklands Community Room

a multi-sensory nurture course for babies up to one-year-old with their parent or carer. We will explore our relationship with God and each other using bubbles, water, games, stories and songs.

Only 10 babies can come, so please book a place!

Phone Sarah Thorne 07307 680 526 or email

sarah.thorne@stmaryslinton.org.uk

Linton's Make Lunch club

on Wednesdays, 3rd, and 10th April, 11am-1pm

Make Lunch Club offers a **free** session including fun activities – indoors and outdoors – and a hot, nutritious meal. We're once again included in the Cambridgeshire County Council Holiday Activities and Food programme, so welcome HAF voucher codes. Children will need to be accompanied by a parent or carer. Places can be booked with Sarah, 07307 680 526. All volunteers are DBS checked and we operate under the Safeguarding Policy of St Mary's Church.

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust **Annual Conference 2024**

on Saturday 13th April 2024

The Lee Hall, Wolfson College, Cambridge CB3 9BB

For further info <https://camhct.uk/> or 01353 778129

Fundraising

The Ukraine Vigil

Following the Ukraine vigil, **£528 was raised** to support people living in Ukraine. Thank you!

Macmillan Mighty Hike

As you will know Becca has been recovering from four years of debilitating back pain. As part of this, she and I have chosen to undertake a 13-mile Mighty Hike for Macmillan in North Norfolk in May. We are in training, and we would like to invite you to sponsor us and raise money for people living with cancer. I'm sure you will appreciate what a huge step forward this is for us all and we hope that you will feel moved to support us. Please use the link below to donate: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/beccaandpamwalkingmarathon>

Many thanks for your support, Becca and Pam

Give as you live

If you buy online consider shopping via <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/> to raise money for St Mary's. Most major retailers are in the scheme including Sainsbury and Tesco. Please sign up with Give As You Live and **enter our charity number 1138508** as the charity you wish to support. Thank you.

Tots in Tow

The Co-op is changing the way we all earn our discount, and this will impact the way they support local causes. It's even more important to Tots that you register us as your local choice. If you need help to do this, Sarah will be happy to help either at the coffee morning on Saturday, or call 07307 680 526, or cafms@stmaryslinton.org.

Other notices

HELP NEEDED

Messy Church Good Friday

Sarah and the team would love your support! Pray for us and the families who might come along. Help with moving the resources to/from the pavilion. Volunteer – join the team as a one-off or as a regular team member.

Easter Trail

Helpers needed to:

- ✓ Book arrivals in the churchyard and set families off on the trail
- ✓ Steward and help families stay safe as they follow the trail
- ✓ Supervise and help with the craft table
- ✓ Provide a traybake for refreshments

Phone Sarah Thorne 07307 680 526 or email

sarah.thorne@stmaryslinton.org.uk

Church Coffee Rota

Do you enjoy a cup of coffee after church? If so, would you like to join the coffee Rota? With more volunteers, I would aim to rota you once a month or less.

Please see Charlotte Dodd for more details

or events@stmaryslinton.org.uk

Would you like to experience a Tots session?

Contact Sarah if you would be interested in coming as a visitor, or maybe join the team. We run sessions every Wednesday during term time, in the village hall 9.30-11am.

Floodwatch

In recent months, the river has risen to nearly the same level as when the flooding occurred. When this happens, we get a message from Floodline that this is a possibility, we look at the river and the weather and alert volunteers to the possible need for action using WhatsApp. If necessary, we move furniture into the pavilion and make the electrics safe. If you can help to prepare the church for such an emergency, please let David Watts know (david.watts@stmaryslinton.org.uk).

Do you have a new email/phone number?

Please let **Elena**, admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk, know and copy in molly.warrington@stmaryslinton.org.uk so the newsletter mailing list and your church records can be updated for GDPR. Thank you.

LENT IN THE LINTON PARISHES 2024

The Church of England's Lent theme for 2024 is ***Watch and Pray: Wisdom and hope for Lent and life.***

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus kneels in darkness in the Garden of Gethsemane. Though he pleads with his disciples, "Stay here with me ... Watch and pray," they all fall asleep, leaving him alone in his hour of deepest suffering.

This Lent all of us are encouraged to draw on the wisdom of Black Spirituality, particularly the practice of "tarrying" (waiting) as a community to draw closer to Jesus and to each other.

You are welcome at any one of the groups meeting across our parishes to learn more, share questions and experiences, and grow in friendship. Short, accessible booklets are provided to guide our times together.

The remaining sessions take place on:

- Monday morning (Barry & Rosie's) 10.45am for 11am
- Tuesday evening (Jackie's & others) 7.20pm for 7.30pm
- Wednesday morning (Revd Michael & Alison's) at 11.30am
- Wednesday evening (Matt & Catharina's) 7.20pm for 7.30pm

Please contact Revd. Paul if you would like any more information.