

# Welcome to St Mary The Virgin, Linton

Church  
Community



Church in our community and community in our church

## St Mary's pewsheet for the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016

### Services

#### 8.00 Communion

2 Timothy 1:1-14 and  
Luke 17:5-10

#### 10.00 Communion

2 Timothy 1:1-14 and  
Luke 17:5-10

#### 5.30 Taize Service

at Castle Camps

#### Thursday

#### 10.00 Communion

#### Friday

#### 9.00 School Service

### Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to you all as we worship together, especially our brothers and sisters from Horseheath and The Camps and if you are visiting or this is your first time with us.

At our Sunday Communion services, all are welcome to receive the bread and wine, either at the High Altar or within the Nave. If you would rather have a blessing, please keep your hands below the rail or lowered and we will pray with you. It is also fine to stay in your seat and just enjoy a time of quiet. Children are welcome to receive the bread too if they put their hands out.

### Please join us for refreshments,

in the pavilion after the Friday and 10 a.m. Sunday service.

*Everyone is welcome, there is no charge, however a basket is available if you feel able to give a donation.*

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**CELEBRATION OF LAY MINISTRIES:** Cathy Watts was licensed as a Reader/Licensed Lay Minister for our Team at a service in Ely Cathedral yesterday. We shall be celebrating the ministry of Cathy, of Nicola Collard (our other Licensed Lay Minister) and of all our Authorised Lay Ministers at the 10 am service at St Mary's, including giving certificates of re-authorisation for a further 4 years to John and Sarah Thorne, Sue Filby and Pam Richardson.

### Team Walk

Starting at Bartlow, St Mary's at 2 pm, via St Mary's Shudy Camps (between 3.30 and 4 pm ), to All Saints' Castle Camps for tea at about 5 pm. Dogs welcome on leads, and people of all ages.

To be followed by a Taize service at about 5.30 pm at Castle Camps. Please organise own car-sharing arrangements. Join or leave us for any stage of the proceedings.

## Notices for the week

Please send news items to Sue Filby  
[suef4rector@btinternet.com](mailto:suef4rector@btinternet.com) by 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday,  
 as the pewsheets are printed on Thursday morning.

**Could you help** to save precious resources AND printing costs? Would you like to receive the pewsheets by email? Join the 65 people who have already signed up.

Please email the Rector's Administrator, Sue Filby on [suef4rector@btinternet.com](mailto:suef4rector@btinternet.com) to have your contact details added to the distribution list.

**Haverhill Foodbank** current food shortages are for long-life juice, tinned tomatoes and coffee.

### The Events forthcoming dates:

Sunday 9th October - Bring and Share Harvest lunch at 1pm in the Pavilion with Maggie's special Harvest soup.

Monday 7th November - Curry Night at the Linton Tandoori - 7pm

Saturday 26th November - Day trip to St Albans Christmas Market.

People can express interest any time but more details will be available nearer the time.

**There will be** a collection for flowers after the 10.00 a.m. Sunday service this week.

**Please support the Mini Market** after the 10 a.m. service next week, please include a list of ingredients for any home baked items. It raised £19.20 last month taking the total to almost £750 from the sale of cards, crafts, home produce, handmade and home baked items.



## Other activities for the week

### Monday

10.30

Service at Symonds House

11.00

Service at Nichols Court

### Wednesday

7.30

Bell Ringing

### Saturday

Poetry & Meditation day at Little St Mary's, Trumpington Street, Cambridge (See 10a.m. newsreel or poster for details)

### Next Sunday

8.00

Communion  
 2 Timothy 2:8-15 and  
 Luke 17:11-19

10.00

All Age Eucharist  
 Luke 17:11-19  
 Followed by Bring and Share Harvest lunch at 1pm

### Dates for your diary

16<sup>th</sup> October

Discussion about St Mary's mission action plan

### Maggie's day off is Wednesday.

#### On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Maggie will be saying evening prayer in the Resurrection Chapel at 5.30 p.m., she would be glad for anyone to join her.

*Maggie aims to be there just before 5.30 p.m., however there are sometimes things that delay her; so please go in and turn the lights on.*

**Maggie's sermons** are available on our website:

<http://www.stmaryslinton.org.uk/sermons/>

Please Pray for:

**Those who are sick, recovering, awaiting treatment, or in any other kind of special need of prayer:**

**The recently departed, and their families:**

**Causes for special thanksgiving to God:**

**Other prayers:**

**People Fully Alive:** Please be prepared to stay after the services on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October to discuss People Fully Alive and the St Mary's Mission Action Plan. The areas to be discussed are outlined in four papers; the second is included within this pewsheet. The other reports will be included in following weeks.

# People Fully Alive: RE-IMAGINE OUR BUILDINGS

## Background

The sub-group recognised the good intent and efforts of those who have gone before us in maintaining and beautifying our historic building, but tried to look with fresh eyes and think creatively and even radically about what could change, building on the past, speaking to the present and imagining the future. The focus of our discussion was: **What does our building say TO us and ABOUT us: does it speak clearly of what we are about as people of God?**

## What is 're-imagining' trying to achieve?

- ❖ Making buildings suitable for contemporary use through extending, adapting and re-shaping (*People Fully Alive*)
- ❖ Ensuring that our church building is a 'gateway into God's presence – a "thin place" where heaven and earth seem very close' (*People Fully Alive*) and where anyone who wishes to can engage in private prayer and reflection
- ❖ Providing a welcoming, hospitable, comfortable and accessible place to all who enter the building, whatever their age, background or circumstances
- ❖ Communicating our Christian beliefs and values (inclusivity, hospitality, responsiveness to those in need)
- ❖ Encouraging greater use of the church space outside services

## Priorities for action

In the light of the above, the group identified various priorities for action. These are presented below, with the smaller, more achievable and cost-free suggestions for change listed first, through to some more radical, "blue skies" ideas at the end.

RATIONALE	DETAILS
To convey a clear message about our Christian beliefs and values	Review <b>NOTICEBOARD and other DISPLAY PROVISION</b> . Decide on purpose of noticeboards / display tables and message we want to portray. Information on display board needs a clear statement about who we are and what we're about (see notes from Lever 3), together with photos of who's who, with more eye-catching, visual, rather than text-heavy material. Discourage both piles of leaflets being left randomly in church and hand-written notices. Decide whether to retain bookcase: presently contains mainly old books with no explanation as to its purpose. Consider replacing blue and wooden noticeboards with boards which are more practical and easier to use.
To provide a more inviting space as people enter church	Re-imagine the <b>NORTH PORCH</b> . Request Friends of St Mary's pay for stripping down and re-varnishing of porch doors and possibly for a new coat of lime-wash on the porch walls. Ensure Infant School Flower Festival props are removed when not in use. Use noticeboard to provide more of a welcome, with visual material, and a welcome message from Maggie (in a modern font, not gothic lettering). Remove 'Warning' notice. Actively discourage notices being pinned to inside door. Provide a large plant in corner of porch.

	A notice near the holy water stoup could draw attention to its history and to the water in it being water used to baptise babies / renewal of baptism vows, and invite people to use it.
To simplify and enhance space	Empower a working party to get rid of <b>CLUTTER</b> which threatens to detract from the beauty of the space. Consider pastoral issues of getting rid of donated items. Consider purpose of duplicated items (eg prayer desks). Lack of storage space results in a great deal of clutter from items used mostly occasionally. Provide a STORAGE SHED for the things we <i>need</i> to store.
To develop the idea of 'thin space' in the Resurrection Chapel	Re-site <b>PRAYER SPACE</b> to chapel and give thought as to how this might be used as a helpful resource. Develop this area specifically as a place of prayer and reflection. Use a prayer tree rather than the current board. Provide leaflets as aides to prayer. Open up space by moving chairs into semi-circle.
To create more aesthetically pleasing and modern space which meets needs of music group, choir and congregations	Consult both choir and music group re <b>NEW SEATING at front on NORTH AISLE</b> . Install better <b>LIGHTING</b> . De-clutter platform area and possibly hang curtain to screen off passage behind organ. Music stands could be stored behind curtain. Replace eagle <b>LECTERN</b> with modern wooden lectern and microphone to aid sight of screen and improve audibility
To create a more inclusive, less formal worshipping space	Except for a row of old pews at the back of the aisles and nave, replace remaining pews in aisles with <b>CHAIRS</b> , facing inwards, at 45 degrees; also turn nave chairs to form more of a semi-circle.
To enhance provision of hospitality	Re-configure space in <b>BOILER CUPBOARD</b> to enable refreshments to be served in church more easily – eg after All Age service and during Messy Church, as well as at weekday events. Resurrect plans previously been drawn up (2010) to provide a sink, plus limited storage area for cups. Provide some storage space for flower arrangement props in storage shed.
To make better use of under-used space and provide areas with a more contemporary feel to encourage more weekday use of building*	(i) <b>CHANCEL</b> : Remove choir stalls (leaving clergy stalls). Carpet whole area in dark red to complement chairs and altar kneeler. Place a row of chairs down each side. Area can then be used comfortably for smaller services or meetings. (ii) <b>RESURRECTION CHAPEL</b> : Seek a range of advice about ways to enclose space with soundproof glass partitions. If plans seem feasible, develop medium-term project and raise funding. Enclosed space could be used for weekday meetings and for crèche.

*\*The group did consider whether it would be possible to move the organ, opening up that space. Although not included in the report, mainly because of concerns over practicalities, the sub-group is supportive of this idea, which was also raised in discussion at the PCC meeting when this report was presented.*