

# Welcome to St Mary The Virgin, Linton

Church  
Community



Church in our community and community in our church

## St Mary's pewsheets for the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### Services

#### 8.00 Communion

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

#### 10.00 Communion

Luke 12:16-21

#### 3.00 Baptism

#### Thursday

#### 10.00 Communion

#### Friday

#### 9.00 School Service

### Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to you all as we worship together, especially 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.*

## 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** sends their thanks for the continued donations, and is now starting to receive Harvest donations too. However current food shortages are for long-life juice, tinned tomatoes (out of stock) and chocolate & treats.

### The Events forthcoming dates:

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.

**Please support the Mini Market** after the 10 a.m. service this 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

### Tuesday

Morning Linton Heights Harvest

### Wednesday

7.30 Bell Ringing

### Friday

7.30 Choir Practice

### Next Sunday

8.00 Communion

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 and  
 Luke 18:1-8

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 Luke 18:1-8

Followed by a discussion about  
 St Mary's mission action plan

### Dates for your diary

#### 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:**

Mary Edmondson, Edward Supcik,  
 Janet Gurney and Wendy

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

**Causes for special thanksgiving to God:**

Millie and Lottie Hanks are to be baptised at 3.00pm on Sunday. Please also pray for their parents Serena and Neville

**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 third is included within this pewsheets. The final report will be included next week.

## People Fully Alive Lever 1 – *Nurturing a confident people of God.*

Some of the priorities identified by the working group – much emphasis on training (an important part of nurturing):

1. **Encourage discernment and use of gifts** within the congregation by introducing a suitable course, *facilitated by an experienced professional*
2. **Nurture Team social activities** to build trust and confident relationships between the parishes that make up the team.
3. Get to know individuals better -
  - a. **Welcome** receptions for those new to Linton – revisit and revive.
  - b. **Revive Linton Churches Together** with renewed commitment to Joint Ecumenical Services held alternately at St Mary's and the Free Church
  - c. **Befriending at events and services – training required**
4. **Regular training sessions** for those reading lessons and leading intercessions and to encourage more participation in these activities
5. **Make the connection** between Friday school service and regular Sunday services
  - a. Invite children from each class to a Sunday all-age service.
6. **Maintain up-to-date Leaflets and Literature in church**
  - a. Implement WiFi Internet access – would this encourage people to come into church?
    - i. *We rely on the website for disseminating information, access to it should therefore be available in church*
  - b. Add slides to Sunday presentation on **getting involved in church activities**.
7. **Helping children become teenagers confident in the church**
  - a. Oasis online course (Staffordshire University), and others
  - b. School Chaplaincy – Cambridge focused but how can we benefit in Linton?
  - c. Encourage enthusiastic leaders by offering training
8. **Youth Encouragement Panels**
  - a. Form a Youth Council to advise PCC
  - b. Facilitate youth debates on local and wider church issues
  - c. Build relationship with RE teachers in the local schools

The group had no shortage of ideas! Now it's your turn. What do you want to see go forward to the new Mission Action Plan for 2017?

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