

Welcome to St Mary The Virgin, Linton

Church
Community



St Mary's pewsheet for the week commencing 16th October 2016

Services

8.00 Communion

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

10.00 Communion

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Luke 18:1-8

2.30 Messy Church ~ 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.

St Mary's Notices

Prayer for young people and our village: Lee Nash would like others to join him in prayer for young people, and in prayer-walking the village, fortnightly on Thursday evenings, starting this week, Thursday 20th October. Meet at gates of Free Church at 7.30.

Help urgently needed on Tuesday afternoon from 2.55 - 4.30 pm. Lee Nash will be running a Beacon Football session on the Astroturf at LVC, but has no 'second' person - help with carrying items from car, and just being there if required. Could you wrap up warm and be that person? You don't have to be a footballer! If so, let Lee know urgently - lee@beacontrust.org

Children's Bibles in the Library

Nicola Bown has discovered that the only Christian material in the children's section of Linton Library is a book about St Francis! If any member of the congregation would like to buy and donate a children's bible (eg. The Lion Children's Bible, or The Lion Story Teller Bible,) please co-ordinate with Nicola (nicolabown@icloud.com) - just to make sure we don't overwhelm the library with donations!

Fauré Requiem Sunday 6 November at 6pm - The choir and friends will be presenting a meditation based around the Requiem by Fauré. This service will enable us to focus our thoughts and prayers through music in the season of remembrance.

Notices for the week

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

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

Message from Haverhill Foodbank

Thank you so much for all your Harvest donations.
They are still flooding in from churches & schools
in the area, people are very generous. As a result
we have no specific shortages at present.

The Events forthcoming dates:

Monday 7th November - Curry Night at the Linton
Tandoori - 7pm and will cost £12 per head payable
on the night.

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

The trip costs £15 per adult or £7.50 per child (up
to 16). It will leave Linton at 10.30am and return at
5pm arriving in Linton at around 6.20pm. We shall
be visiting St Albans Christmas Market but people
can also visit the town as they wish. For further
details visit their website

<http://enjoystalbens.com/whats-on/ChristmasMarket/visit/index.html>

Money to be paid with the booking please.
People can contact Hilary or Pam for bookings.

Thank you for supporting the Mini Market after the
service last week, it raised £22.10.

Unaccompanied Children in the soon-to-be-destroyed Jungle Camp at Calais: Many of us will
have heard w about the imminent destruction of
'the Jungle', and the painfully slow progress
towards admitting unaccompanied refugee
children to the UK according to the Dubs'
agreement achieved in the summer. UNICEF fears
that many of these children may 'disappear' into
the hands of traffickers who will abuse and exploit
them. Cambridge Calais Refugee Action Group
has a sample letter on its Facebook page, which
may be sent to the Leader of Cambridgeshire
County Council (Cllr Steve Count) asking the
Local Authority to play its part in offering
immediate placements for one or two these
children. If you can send one of these letters
quickly, please do, to Cllr S. Count, Shire Hall,
Cambridge CB3 0AP. If you cannot access
Facebook, ask Maggie to email you a copy of
the sample letter, or pick one up at the back of
church.

Memories are made of this – the 1950s – come to
the **Mothers' Union** meeting on Monday 17th
October at 8 p.m. in the pavilion for a trip down
memory lane. Everyone is welcome.

People Fully Alive: Please be prepared to stay after the services on Sunday 16th and Thursday
20th 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 final report is included within this pewsheets.

Other activities for the week

Monday

10.30	Service at Symonds House
11.00	Service at Nichols Court
8.00	Mothers' Union

Wednesday

7.30	Bell Ringing
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Saturday

10.30	Third Order Franciscans Eucharist
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Next Sunday

8.00	Communion
	Romans 15:1-6 and
	Luke 4:16-24
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Dates for your diary

Maggie's day off is Wednesday.

On Monday - Friday

Maggie and Nicola B will be saying morning prayer in
the Resurrection Chapel at 8.30 a.m.,
they would be glad for anyone to join them.

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:

Michael Hancock whose funeral was last
week and remembering Paul and Abbi his
children.

Causes for special thanksgiving to God:

Sofia Marie Johnson, who is to be
baptised this Sunday, October 16th at
3.00pm in Messy Church. Please also pray
for her parents, Inna and Dave.

Other prayers:

Ely Diocesan Strategy (from meeting 10 August 2016)

People Fully Alive Lever 2 – Aim to develop healthy churches and leaders.

Present at the meeting were Sue Mudge; Anne Parry-Smith; David Parry-Smith (Facilitator); John Thorne

We used the resources from the Diocesan Strategy Manual for Lever 2 to guide us in our discussion.

We dwelt in the Word (Acts 2 vv43-47 – quoted below) and our discussion was enlightened and guided by the **experience of the early church**.

The discussion centred largely around **leadership** and **communication** with many concerns expressed about the amount of **organisation** required to coordinate activities within and across the whole team of 5 parishes. We considered how and when work might be delegated from ordained clergy to lay people. **Communication is a major challenge** for us. Without it we can't have a healthy church.

Subject	Outcome
We want a healthy church	<p><i>"And all who believed were together and had all things in common."</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage active participation at all levels, not mere passivity.• Plant and grow gifts and skills in individuals and groups. <i>Not simply reaping, exploiting and exhausting</i> what is already available.• Proactively empower lay people to lead by delegating specific tasks and commissioning groups to mission.• Be outward looking and highly visible in the community.
What makes our church worth joining?	<p><i>"And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A compelling and attractive experience that lifts the spirit and gives spiritual nourishment.• A church that sends us out wanting to inspire others in the way that many people will when they support their football team! <i>Are we as fervent about church as we are about some of the other things in our lives?</i>• It depends on who is seeking to join and their needs and what stage they are on their journey.• We cannot be just one kind of church given that we are the C of E in Linton.• We cannot afford to concentrate on one part of the community to the exclusion/neglect of others.• At the same time, we should not hide the cost of discipleship in our eagerness to fill the church. <p><i>"And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need."</i></p>

Use of trained lay ministers	<p><i>“Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the Apostles.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have many trained lay ministers (ALM and LLM). • Considerable time and expense has been invested by them and the church in their training. • We need to ensure that these skills are put to best use in the church. • No-one’s skills should be left unused. • Lay ministers trained in one area are now finding they are needed in other areas and additional training should permit this.
Identify and use gifts	<p><i>“Day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out as Christians in the community of Linton, helping, supporting and building trust with our neighbours. • Encourage the taking of leadership roles in local organisations. • Discernment of the best person for the task (also Lever 1). • Sharing the load, so individuals are not overburdened.
Constantly review and improve communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within whole team (5 parishes) as well as within Linton village community. • Re-establish Parish magazine. This drives us to communicate with a wider group of people and build up a network of contacts through advertising and delivery. • Additional admin support for Maggie to free her for other aspects of her ministry. • Ensuring information kept up to date and readily available in church, especially on funerals. • Finding best way to do this in printed as well as online format. • Enable everyone to have equal access to the information.