

Welcome to St Mary The Virgin, Linton

Community
Church



St Mary's pewsheet for the week commencing 4th December 2016

Services

8.00 Communion

Isaiah 11:1-10 and
Matthew 3:1-12

10.00 Communion

Isaiah 11:1-10 and
Matthew 3:1-12

Thursday

10.00 Communion

Friday

9.00 School Service

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to you all as we worship together, especially to our brothers and sisters from Horseheath & The Camps and to 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 & 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 cards for Advent from USPG
(United Society Partners in the Gospel) which St Mary's supports.
Please pick one up from the back of church to use at home.

Invitation to 'Come & Sing Carols'

With John Rutter on 10th December, 2 – 5 at
Great St Mary's, Cambridge.
See the noticeboard in church for full information.

An invitation to Christmas Services at St Mary's.

Everyone is welcome at any (or all!) of the following services which take place in December.

Sunday 18th December – Carol Service followed by refreshments

Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve 4.00 p.m. Crib Service

Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve 11.00 p.m. Midnight Communion.

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day 8.00 a.m. Quiet Communion (Said BCP).

Sunday 25th December 10.00 a.m. Festive Communion

Notices for the week

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

Haverhill Foodbank have no specific food shortages for this week but are preparing for their Christmas hampers and would appreciate donations for these e.g. chocolates, selection boxes, biscuits, jams, chutneys, custards, Christmas crackers, mince pies and tinned ham.

House Group Bible Study We meet alternate Mondays 2.30-3.45pm – 25A Back Road, Linton. Please join us. We are studying St Luke's Gospel at present. For more information, please contact Anne Parry-Smith 894715 or anne@parry-smith.co.uk

Urgent request for volunteers to go on a rota for cleaning the Pavilion. It should take no more than 1.5 hours per week. The more volunteers the less frequently it will come round. Please contact Hilary Angetter on h.angetter@gmail.com or phone 892305 if you can help in this way. We are very grateful to Nanette who has previously undertaken this single handedly.

The next issue of the Bible Reading Fellowship

booklets is now available in the church pigeonholes for existing subscribers. Next year's subscriptions are due; the cost is £13.20 for the year, post free as we currently order as a group. Please can you let me know if you wish to continue to receive the booklet or would like to begin. There are several titles available:- "New Daylight" has daily Bible readings, "Guidelines" has more in-depth commentary with Bible passages, and "Quiet Spaces" focuses on the spiritual journey with a broader range of material. I have copies available for anyone who is interested. Judy Nightingale 891806

Please could the Events Committee ask the congregation to make mince pies for the Carol Service on 18th December? Homemade ones are so much nicer! Many thanks, Pam.

Christians Together in Linton prayer meeting. The next meeting is going to be held at Dave and Clare West's home, 20 Finchams Close at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 13th December.

Please support the Mini Market after the 10.00 a.m. service next week. Please provide a list of ingredients for any home baked items.

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

Other activities for the week

Monday

10.30 Service at Symonds House
 11.00 Service at Nichols Court

Wednesday

7.30 Bell Ringing

Thursday

10.45 The Advent Course, Pavilion
 7.30 The Advent Course, the Rectory

Saturday

Linton Music Society Concert

Next Sunday

8.00 Communion
 Isaiah 35:1-10 and
 Matthew 11:2-11
 10.00 All Age Eucharist
 Matthew 11:2-11
 Followed by the Mini Market
 & the festive lunch

Dates for your diary

Maggie's day off is Wednesday.

Morning and Evening Prayers

On Monday ~ Thursday Maggie and Nicola B will be saying morning prayer in the Resurrection Chapel at 9.00 a.m., they would be glad for anyone to join them.

All are welcome to join in at any time, with a particular invitation to join others attending
 Evening Prayer **on Friday**
 in the Resurrection Chapel at 5.00 p.m.

Following the All Age Service

on Sunday 11th December there will be a seasonal meal of turkey casserole, baked potato and apple crumble. The events group is still collecting names of anyone who would like to come along. We're going to eat at 12 noon. The more the merrier. Tickets will be £5 per person or £15 for a family, bookable by Monday 5th December, to allow them to plan their cooking, through Sue Ellis or Pam Richardson tel.890921. All are welcome.

Thank you for all the support you have given me during my recent illness. I was very aware of being upheld by the prayers of my friends at St Mary's as well as Christians in different parts of the country and across the world, which sustained me through my emergency heart operation and the week in intensive care. Thank you to all who have sent messages and cards, and who have provided meals, lifts and other help since my return home. I am getting a little stronger each day and look forward to being back with you soon. Molly W.