

Welcome to St Mary The Virgin, Linton

Community
Church



St Mary's pewsheet for the week commencing 18th December 2016

Services

8.00 Communion

Isaiah 7:10-16 and
Matthew 1:18-25

10.00 All Age Eucharist

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Matthew 1:18-25

6.00 Carol Service

Thursday

10.00 Communion

Welcome

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

If you shop at the Coop, and have signed up as a member, you can direct their community giving to the Peace Garden at

<http://www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund/>

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 – 6.00 p.m. 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

Parking Members of the congregation are reminded that the grassy area between Church Cottage and the former rectory is intended for cars used for the church taxi journeys and visiting clergy. Also please do not use the garden of the former rectory as a turning area since this is private property.

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.

The next pewsheets will be for the w/c 8 January 2017.

Haverhill Foodbank recent food collection at Tesco bought in over two tonnes of donations, so they have no specific shortages on food items but still are in need of Starterpack items double duvets, double duvet covers, single & double sheets, pillows, saucepans and tin openers.

Carol Singers Wanted! Have you got an hour to spare on Christmas Eve from 3pm and would be willing to sing carols near the Dog and Duck in Linton in aid of Save the Children? No previous choral experience required. Then please come along and join us - we'd love to see you.

New Year's Eve Party. This will take place from 8pm in the pavilion and cost £3 per head (a contribution towards heating and maintenance). We'll have bring and share finger food and bring our own drinks, enjoy lots of games and fun. Just before midnight the ringers will leave to welcome in the New Year. Tickets from Sue Ellis. Telephone 892257 or email suemellis@hotmail.com

The hamper draw now has an extra 2 prizes. Tickets will be on sale after the 10am services until the draw after the carol service tonight. So hurry and buy your tickets from Nanette.

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.

Invitation to Midnight Singers for Midnight Eucharist on 24 December All singers welcome to take part in the choir for this service. There will be a rehearsal at 10.00 pm at St Mary's, Linton & the service starts at 11.00 pm. Please contact David Parry-Smith David@parry-smith.co.uk or tel 894715 for more information. If you would like to sing, **please let David know**, so we can get music ready.

Thank you for supporting the Mini Market after the 10.00 a.m. service last week. It raised £48.00, taking the total to over £800.00.

Please pray for Roger Nunn and his family at the anniversary of the loss of Barbara Davey & Carol Smith and her family at the anniversary of the loss of Allan.

Other activities for the week

Monday

10.30 Service at Symonds House
 11.00 Service at Nichols Court
 6.00 Linton Heights Junior School

Wednesday

7.30 Bell Ringing

Thursday

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

Saturday

3.00 Carol singing near Dog & Duck
 4.00 Crib Service
 11.00 Midnight Communion

Next Sunday

8.00 Communion
 Isaiah 52:7-10 and
 John 1:1-14
 10.00 Communion
 Isaiah 52:7-10 and
 John 1:1-14

Dates for your diary

21 January 7.00 Murder Mystery Evening

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.

Give as you Live The PCC took the decision to register St Mary's with 'Give as you live' in Summer 2015, an organisation recommended by the Charity Commission through which we can raise donations by online shopping. Each time you shop online through the 'Give as you live' firms donate a small percentage of what you spend to St Mary's. Over 4,000 stores participate, including Sainsburys, John Lewis, Debenhams, Amazon and Ebay. If you shop online, please consider registering at <https://www.giveasyoulive.com> When you sign up and are asked which charity you wish to support, enter 'The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary The Virgin, Diocese of Ely'. Please encourage others to sign up too: if a large number of us each raises small amounts, we could boost our funds with little effort.