

Welcome to St Mary The Virgin, Linton

Community
Church



St Mary's pewsheet for the week commencing 26th March 2017

Services

Mothering Sunday

8.00 Communion

1 Samuel 1:20-end and
Luke 2:33-35

10.00 Communion

1 Samuel 1:20-end and
Luke 2:33-35

Thursday

10.00 Communion

Friday

9.00 School Service

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 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

The Church annual meeting (**APCM**) will be on Thursday 27th April, where we will review the year and have elections. We are looking for a new **churchwarden** to replace John Thorne as he has served the maximum term and there are **five vacancies for PCC members**. Churchwarden elections are held each year and PCC members usually serve for three years. In addition, two representatives are required for the **Deanery Synod**. We extend our thanks to John Thorne; to Andrew Gore and Derek Lockstone who have represented St Mary's on the Deanery Synod and also to the five PCC members who have served three years and now stand down: Nanette Blackmore, Michael Holden, Judy Nightingale, Gill Powell and Rosemary Read. Could you prayerfully consider whether you might be able to fill one of these positions and serve the church community in this way.

Any PCC member will be able to tell you more about the role(s) and I have nomination forms. There is one criterion in that you have to have been on the Church Electoral Roll for at least six months. If you are not already on the **Electoral Roll** but wish to have your name added, please contact Pam Richardson asap. This will allow you to vote at the APCM. Thank you, Sue Mudge, PCC Secretary.

According to Christian Aid, **'the world is facing the worst humanitarian crisis since 1945'**, with drought and conflict leaving 16 million people across East Africa on the brink of starvation. In response to an appeal by the Disasters Emergency Committee, St Mary's is organising a collection through Christian Aid. If you would like to contribute, envelopes will be available at the back of church on Sundays 26th March and 2nd April. Please gift aid your donation if you can.

We are starting a midweek communion

on Wednesdays 10.00 a.m. at the Camps Vicarage. Ian Fisher

Church Access. The new wedge, that Philip Klein has made for the inner door latch, shall be left permanently in place, so all that you need to do to get in is to push the door and it should open. However, it is worth noting that it may be a bit stiff after a spell of damp weather.

Notices for the week

Please send news items to Sue Filby*
suefilby@btinternet.com by 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday,
 as the pewsheet is printed ready for the Friday Service.

Haverhill Foodbank have a few specific food item shortages long-life juice, instant mash and sugar. Plus they need carrier bags, if you can give them.

THANK YOU to all who helped with Messy Church last Sunday: The team who planned and prepared the session, all who helped with resources we needed and prepared food, everyone who prays for us and the people who come along. God is good! We are so blessed. Thank you God ☺

Please could anyone spare a Wednesday morning to help out in the kitchen at Tots-in-tow? We make drinks, prepare snacks for the children and generally help people to feel welcome and precious. If you would like to know more, please ask Sarah Thorne.

Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm 13th April The choir will be singing at this service and would welcome additional singers. If you would like to take part, please come for a rehearsal at church ready to sing at 6.45pm before the service. David Parry-Smith 894715 david@parry-smith.co.uk

Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat Singalong at St Mary's. Saturday, 8 April at 7pm. Tickets £5/£2.50 (16yrs and under) on the door. Put the date in your diary. Come & watch the film and sing along. Popcorn & other refreshments available. St Mary's Event's Committee

Diana Leighton's funeral will be at 12.15 on Friday March 31st at St Mary's Church Linton. The committal will be at the Cambridge Crematorium and will be attended by close family members only. The family warmly invite Diana's friends to gather, after the church service, at Chilford Hall where there will be refreshments and where the family will join them as soon as possible. Those of us who have cars could perhaps offer lifts to those who don't. Our prayers are with Terry, Nick and Mary and their families.

The Friends of St Mary's are putting on a Concert including the 'Music of Flanders and Swann' on Sunday, April 2nd at 3pm in the Church. Pete Chapman, singer and clarinetist, and Mike O'Neill, pianist, are members of the Memphis Jazz Band, who entertained us two years ago. Tickets, to include refreshments, are £10 from Chris Morse, 891616 and Margaret Cox, 891231.

The funeral of Mrs Sheila Vale will take place on Thursday 30th March at 11.15 in the West Chapel at Cambridge Crematorium. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family in their bereavement.

Other activities for the week

Monday

10.30 Service at Symonds House

Wednesday

10.00 Midweek communion,
 Camps Vicarage.
 12.00 Lent Lunch, 10 Whyts Acre
 7.30 Bell Ringing

Friday

7.30 Choir Practice

Next Sunday

8.00 Communion
 Celebrant: tbc
 Ezekiel 37:1-14 and
 John 11:1-45
 10.00 Communion
 Celebrant: tbc
 Preacher: tbc
 Ezekiel 37:1-14 and
 John 11:1-45
There will be a collection for Easter
 flowers after the 10.00 a.m. service.

Dates for your diary

20 April Christians Together Prayer Mtg

Maggie's usual day off is Tuesday.

Morning and Evening Prayers

On Monday ~ Thursday Maggie and Nicola B will be saying morning prayer in the Resurrection Chapel at 8.30 a.m., on alternate Mondays at Castle Camps, 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.

St Mary's Lent Lunches

The Lent lunches are being hosted between 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm from Wednesday 1st March [Ash Wednesday] until Wednesday 13th April at various locations:

March 1st Lorna & Don Mullholland 1 Hillway
 March 8th Cynthia & Hugh Paton 3 Balsham Road
 March 15th Linda Richardson 40 Back Road
 March 22nd Rosie & Richard Read 8 The Furrells
 March 29th Diane & Chris Morse 10 Whyts Acre
 April 5th Gill & Lawrence Powell 7 Harefield Rise
 April 12th Colleen & Derek Lockstone at St Mary's Pavilion

The charity chosen for support this year is
'FRIENDS OF THE HOLYLAND'

children are invited to bring some flowers to help decorate the Easter Garden on Easter Sunday at the 10.00 a.m. service.

