

Welcome to St Mary The Virgin, Linton

Community
Church



St Mary's pewsheet for the week commencing 2nd April 2017

Services

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.00 Communion

Ezekiel 37:1-14 and
John 11:1-45

10.00 Communion

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Thursday

10.00 Communion

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to you all as we worship together, especially our brothers and sisters from Horseheath and The Camps & 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

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 hope to see you on Sunday 2nd April at 3pm in the church for the concert hosted by The Friends of St Mary's.

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

ease 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, sponge puddings, instant mash and sugar.

Other Good News from REACH: 'last week we had the amazing privilege of receiving the High Sheriff's Award for Organisation of the year.'

Please Note: Maggie has a new email and will not be accessing her old email account very soon. Please update your records to margaret.guite@icloud.com

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

There will be a collection for Easter flowers after the 10.00 a.m. service

Help needed for Beacon Trust in School Holidays

Volunteers (with DBS checks) needed to accompany Lee in Out and About youth work round the village, Tuesday 4th – Friday 7th April – each day.

- 1-2pm - Walk/Pray around the village. Talk to young people and take equipment to play with.
- 2-3pm - Open the Drop In/Play games on the Rec.
- 3-4pm - Walk/Pray around the village. Talk to young people and take equipment to play with.

Please let him know if you can do the whole or part of any of those sessions with him. (Lee@beacontrust.org)

Please pray for Leila Emme Jacobs, daughter of Leanne and Josef Jacobs, who is to be baptised on Sunday April 9th at 2.30 p.m.

Messy Church would like to appeal to the St Mary's congregations for help with obtaining cleaned plastic tubs – the sort of thing you may buy laundry capsules, drinking chocolate or milkshake powder in. Thank you!

Supporting the Infants School, could you spare a couple of hours on a Thursday, each week during term-time, to volunteer to help at the after school sewing club? This would be alongside two other adults and helping the children with their sewing. A DBS check would be needed. Please contact Sue Filby for more details.

Please join in the Spring Clean at St Mary's on Saturday 8th April. All Welcome. Please bring dusters.

Other activities for the week

Monday

10.30

Service at Symonds House

11.00

Service at Nichols Court

Wednesday

10.00

Midweek communion,
Camps Vicarage.

12.00

Lent Lunch, 7 Harefield Rise

7.30

Bell Ringing

Friday

7.30

Choir Practice

Saturday

Next Sunday

8.00

Communion
 Celebrant: Maggie Guite
 Preacher: Nicola Bown
 Isaiah 50:4-9a and
 Matthew 27:11-54

10.00

All Age Eucharist
 Celebrant: Maggie Guite
 Matthew 21:1-11



2.30

Baptism

Dates for your diary

20 April

Christians Together Prayer Mtg

23 April

Messy Church

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.

