

Welcome to St Mary's, Linton

Pewsheet for week commencing - Sunday 15 December 2019 Rooted in God. Rooted in Community
Parish Eucharist - Advent Eucharist service sheet

Sunday 15 December-The Third Sunday of Advent: James 5:7-10 (note NT readings for the whole of the new church year, till next Advent); Matthew 11:2-11 8am: Maggie Guite; 10am: Maggie Guite.

Next Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Advent. Together with God.

Sun 15 Dec	3pm	Messy Church with Christingle. See pewsheet notice below.
Sun 15 Dec	6.30pm	St Mary's Shudy Camps Christmas Concert. Yvonne Howard - Mezzo Soprano Peter O'Conner- Flute Jane Davenport – Piano & other Local Musicians and Entertainers Admission £10 on the door including Interval Refreshment of Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Savouries.
Mon 16 Dec	8am	Advent Promise continues at St Mary's. See information below.
Mon 16 Dec	7pm	Mothers' Union Bring & Share Christmas Social. Pavilion. 7pm start.
Thurs 19 Dec	6pm	Heights Junior School Carol Service at St Mary's.
Sun 22 Dec	10am	Together with God - Toy Service. Toys for the Women's Aid Centre for Christmas. Please bring wrapped toys, labelled for a boy or girl and with approximate age. The Women's Refuge specifically asks that donated toys should be NEW and NOT SECOND-HAND, however good the condition. It is important traumatised families do not feel they are being given hand-me-downs. Thank you. Cathy.watts@stmaryslinton.org.uk or Nicola njmcollard@gmail.com
Tues 24 Dec	2-4pm	Carol singing outside Dog & Duck. See notice below re collection..
	4pm	Crib Service at St Mary's. Refreshments available beforehand.
	11pm	Midnight Eucharist.
Wed 25 Dec	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	All Age Festival Eucharist. Children bring a present they have received.



Use the QR code on the left to donate to St Mary's using your mobile phone.
 On most mobile phones simply use your camera to scan the code and you will be taken to the thyngs website where you can make a donation and add gift aid.

Prayer for the sick: The list of those we pray for will be refreshed on the 1st Sunday every month. Please ensure you put names of those to be prayed for on the clipboard sheet in church in the preceding week. Of course, other names can be added at any point in the month.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make **the meal on 7 December** a success and thank you to all who came along to make the evening such a happy occasion. The total raised for St Mary's is £636.53 which includes the raffle (£97). Sue Ellis (For Events Committee)

Carols for Christian Aid 2-4pm on 24 December. We are raising money for this year's Christmas Appeal which focuses on making the most of women's God-given gifts to raise them out of poverty. For more information please go to: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas-appeal> Enthusiasm and a desire to participate are the only qualifications. All welcome!

Christmas services at St Mary's - look out for posters and fliers proclaiming "Follow the Star", which will be available shortly. Also on A Church Near You website <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/> There will also be a link to this website from <https://www.stmaryslinton.org.uk/>.

Advent Promise. 20 minutes a day with God. Short Morning Prayer with reflection from Monday – Thursday in church at 8am and Friday in the Pavilion (Friday followed by toast, croissants and hot drinks). The order of service is on the website (search for Advent Promise). For those who cannot join us in church let us know that you are praying along with us at home. David Parry-Smith

Advent Book Group. Maggie has decided to read Journey to the Manger, by Paula Gooder, a New Testament scholar and popular speaker. We meet on Thursdays 5,12 & 19 December at 8pm in the Rectory. See fliers in church. Please let Maggie know soonest if you would like to join her even if you can only join in one or two of the group discussions.

My Advent Stir-up Challenge Calendar beautifully created by Nicola Collard is available to download using the link below or from the website. Or <https://tinyurl.com/stir-up-challenge>

[Advent Calendar - click here for online version.](#)

Messy Church on 15th December is the village Christingle and we will be collecting for The Children's Society. Please spread the invitation – everyone welcome. You don't have to bring a child! A few things we would appreciate your help with: approx. 50 biscuits baked for an activity; orange food colouring; the loan of a couple of apple corers; a gazebo and any excess tinsel (can be short pieces). Thank you! Offers please to Sarah sarah.thorne@stmaryslinton.org.uk or 891952

Annual reminder about the Bible Reading Fellowship Notes for Bible Study (re-ordered for the year in January.) The Bible Reading Fellowship provides a variety of Reading Notes on a wide range of subjects and suitable for all levels of understanding. They are designed for individual private study at home. If you would like to learn more about the Bible, I have sample copies of the material and would be glad to show them to anyone interested. Judy Nightingale 01223 891806.

Are you willing to do a **flower arrangement for Christmas?** Thank you. lian.watkin@btinternet.com

Linton Community Christmas Day Lunch. St Mary's Pavilion. Tickets £5. Contact Judy Phipps 892241.

Events' Committee programme 2019-2020. Further updates added including Film evening and Pudding evening and some changes made. Posters and fliers soon available.

Scarecrow Festival calendars 2020. A limited number now available showing a selection of the "Book characters" from this year's Linton Scarecrow Festival. Price £7. Proceeds to St Mary's. Sign up on the list at the back of church or contact Anne Parry-Smith. admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk

Haverhill Foodbank. Urgently needed single and double duvets and pillows. We'd prefer new duvets and pillows, for hygiene reasons, but can accept lightly used duvets (not pillows) so long as they have been washed first. Drop them in to our Resource Centre or office - details of where we are and opening hours are on the website www.reachhaverhill.org.uk **Also info on sponsoring Christmas Hampers.**

Everyday Faith - A theological reflection on the whole church serving God's mission. Setting God's People Free. A Diocesan Study day at: Over Conference & Community Centre, The Doles, Over, Cambs CB24 5NW Tuesday 21st January 2020 - 10am to 3.30pm (Refreshments on arrival at 9.30am and lunch provided) Everyone Welcome! Book your place: ministry@elydiocese.org

Would you consider being part of a 'Kairos' mission team in Littlehey Prison, near Huntingdon? No specific or professional qualifications needed - just love for Jesus and for people who are lost, listening skills, and availability Please read the poster on the blue noticeboard inside the church door and if possible, give it your prayerful consideration. Maggie.

PCC Meeting Dates for 2020: Mon 13 Jan, Thurs 12 Mar.

To add to the pewsheets, or to receive it by email, contact Anne: admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk. Information for pewsheets to be received by 11am Thursday.
