

Welcome to St Mary's

Pewsheets for week commencing - Sunday 29 March 2020

Following the recommendations of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York on 23 March 2020, all services of worship and other meetings at St Mary's, Linton have been put on hold for the time being and the church is no longer open.

Please look at the website www.stmaryslinton.org.uk for the service for

Sunday, 29 March – The Fifth Sunday of Lent. Passion Sunday
and for other prayer resources and information.

Passiontide Promise – The order of service for this daily morning prayer which begins on Monday, 30 March for two weeks will be available on the website under the “worship” tab. David Parry-Smith is hoping to host a Zoom video call, or just audio if you prefer, at 8am on weekdays to pray the service. If you would like to join him please email david.parry-smith@stmaryslinton.org.uk so that he can send details for the Zoom conference. If you know anyone who would like a paper copy of the service, let David know and he will try to help.

Prayer for the sick: If you would like special subjects for prayer and thanksgiving mentioned in our prayers, please leave a message on the rector's phone 890273. You can also post a prayer request on the new Parish Prayer Board on the website.

GDPR form – if you have not done this, we would like to have email and phone contact so we can offer pastoral care and keep the church connected at this difficult time. Please email admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk to request a GDPR form. Maggie

Nichols Court. Pam Latimer emailed - Nichols Court now closed to non-essential visitors.

Lent Lunches – Regrettably the Lent Lunches will not take place. Celia Fisher has sent the following message: “The MNDA is in such great need, now that their fund-raising events have been postponed. So, if you have attended a Lent Lunch and have not already filled in a Gift Aid Forms (if appropriate), please do so. Phone 893839 to request a form and leave your address. Return the form to 37 Back Rd, before 1 April. If you would like to make a donation, please make cheques payable to MNDA. The total raised will be announced in due course. Thank you

Deanery Fair due to be held on Saturday, 21 March – postponed until Saturday, 10 October.

Sunday, 3 May. Bartlow 3 Counties Charity Walk. Postponed. Next year's walk - 2nd May 2021. Please put the date in your diaries now!

Flowers in church are suspended till further notice. With thanks Lian

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The date of the APCM and the request for contributions (photos and reports) has been deferred for the time being. The time in which we can hold an APCM, Deanery Synod and PCC elections has been extended to the end of October. A new date will be issued in due course. Sue Mudge, PCC Secretary.

Competitions. When you visit the Events page of the St Mary's website you will find two types of activity. One is a quiz fundraiser for Christian Aid with a £20 voucher for the Linton Kitchen as a prize and the other is a fun activity aimed at children with a small prize offered each week. Full instructions on how to enter can be found on the website. Any queries to Rebecca Richardson tel. 890921 Have fun and good luck.

Ely Cathedral Parish Pass. Please contact Janet Conochie nanjancon@gmail.com if you would like to renew your pass (due for renewal 30.04.20). New applicants welcome. Parish passes are available to everyone who is a member/member of the electoral roll of a church that is within the diocese of Ely. The passes are available for the named pass holder only and are not transferrable. Pass holders are entitled to free entry to the Cathedral - standard admission only.

Church Cleaning- Clearly, in the present circumstances, it will not be possible to continue cleaning the church. Many thanks to all those of you have been regularly looking after your area in church- new rotas will be issued as soon as circumstances allow.

If you would like to be included in future rotas, please contact Jo on 894964.

Haverhill Foodbank. (Reach Community Projects). www.reachhaverhill.org.uk As a result of the ongoing issues with Coronavirus we have decided to take the following action to protect our staff and volunteers and reduce face to face contact. With immediate effect the Resource Centre will not be open for drop-in sessions. We will make assessments over the phone and fix a time for people in need to come and collect food / client aid. If you are in need of help, please contact 01440 712950 and one of our advisers will be happy to speak to you. Thank you all for your donations! We have been overwhelmed with the amount of support we have received during this difficult time.

During the coronavirus outbreak, we're still providing people in crisis with emergency food. Your support is vital – if you're considering donating, we're running low on UHT milk, rice pudding, long life fruit juice, instant mash and custard. Thank you!

Christian Aid Week: I am very grateful to you all for being willing to collect this year. However, you will not be surprised to learn that we have been advised to call off house to house and delivery only collections. Christian Aid Week has not been cancelled but we will need to find alternative ways to fund raise. To this end, Rebecca has written a quiz which she has put on the website, together with a link to a Just Giving page. She's offering a prize worth winning! If you have any other ideas, I'd love to hear them. Very best wishes. Pam Richardson.

Flower Festival All Saints, Castle Camps. Friday 8 – Sunday 10 May. This has now been cancelled. Lindi Kent lindi.allen@pan-global.co.uk

Pilgrimage from Ely and St Bene'ts (Norfolk) to Bury St Edmund's postponed. New date tbc

Advance notice - Summer activity club. Potential dates: Wednesdays July 22, 29, Aug 5, 12, 19, 26. If you can help, please let Sarah Thorne know any dates you may be available, and what role you feel you could take. This will be the third annual activity club. We aim to make Bible stories the theme for this year's club. sarah.thorne@stmaryslinton.org.uk

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.