

Welcome to St Mary's

Pewsheets for week commencing - Sunday 5 April 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, 5 April – Sunday next before Easter. Palm Sunday and for other prayer resources and information.

Passiontide Promise – Daily Morning Prayer is continuing into Holy Week. The order of service is available on the website under the “worship” tab. David Parry-Smith is hosting a Zoom video call, or just audio if you prefer, at 8am on weekdays to pray the service. We have 7 people joining in this prayer at the moment. If you would like to join in please email david.parry-smith@stmaryslinton.org.uk so that he can send details for the Zoom conference. Paper copies of the service have been distributed. If you need one, let David know.

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 or email admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk with your prayer request for the Parish Prayer Board on the website.

Virtual Worship on Easter Day. To prepare for worship on Easter Day, please find two or three pieces of music on CD, your play list, Spotify, tape, or vinyl disc, which speak to you of joy. It might be a serene kind of joy, or something more rousing. Perhaps you can find contrasting pieces. They do not need to be ‘sacred’ compositions, or recordings of hymns or worship songs (though they could be), but anything - classical, popular, brass band, jazz, rock - anything at all which would help you into a joyful mood and you could make part of your worship. Have them ready to play as part of the service we shall be sharing. You might also like to prepare a vase of flowers, if you can, to have with you when you join in worship. Maggie.

The Linton News will only be published online for April due to the current Covid-19 restrictions. Use [this link](#) from April 6th.

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. We will be emailing or sending a letter to remind you. Maggie

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 Social Events page (under Church Life tab) or Things to lift your spirit page (under Worship tab) 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.

Noah – Linton Mystery Play is inevitably postponed. We shall try to revive it sometime next Spring. A lot of work had been going on behind the scenes and I should like to thank all those involved. Gordon Cummings.

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 who 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.

Update from Haverhill Foodbank. (Reach Community Projects). www.reachhaverhill.org.uk

If you're in need of our help: Please do NOT visit our Resource Centre, offices or hubs which are now closed. Instead, please phone us on 01440 712950 / 01440 268003 or email info@reachhaverhill.org.uk

Assessments will be made over the phone and appointment times for food / client aid drop off will be made. We can help with food parcels and other short-term emergency assistance, assist you with applying for benefits, and give you advice on debt and budgeting. Find out more [here](#).

In the coming weeks, we're expecting more local people than ever before are going to need our collective support. Find out what you can do to help them [here](#). If you're considering donating, we are running low on **rice** and **instant mash**. 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.

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.