

Welcome to St Mary's

Pewsheets for week commencing 25 July



The church is open daily **M-F 9.45am-5pm; Sat 10am-5pm; Sun 11am-5pm**

Updates during the Vacancy—there will be a page on St Mary's website

Services

Sunday, 25 July <i>Eighth Sunday after Trinity</i>	8am BCP Holy Communion <i>Readings: 2 Kings 4:42-end; John 6:1-21</i> 10am Together with God This service will be livestreamed from St Mary's. If you are viewing the service at home, please log on as usual for the Zoom service. The service is not being recorded.
Thursday, 29 July	10am Holy Communion.

Covid restrictions in church

Following consultation with the PCC we have agreed that the following restrictions will operate in church until the next government review which is set for August 16th but may come sooner.

- Please continue to use the sign in sheet or QR code on entering church.
- Also please use hand sanitiser on entering, leaving and at communion.
- Please continue to wear a mask in church.
- The seating in the nave will be spaced at 1.25m. Some notices will be available for you to put on chairs either side to maintain a personal bubble if you so wish, coats and bags will do just as well. The side aisle seating will stay at 2m distance for those who would prefer it.
- Once the service starts please remain in your seat unless you have a role to perform or until your turn to go forward for communion.
- Communion will continue to be in one kind only.
- The choir will continue to sit in the chancel and sing without masks. The only restriction on numbers will be down to what its members are content with in terms of social distancing.
- The congregation can join in with singing but should wear masks
- Doors and windows remain open during services to improve ventilation.
- Brief conversations inside church and unrestricted mingling outside.
- Refreshments will not be served; we will need more help with the rota before we can start that!

Friday, 23 July 7pm Social event—farewell to Maggie. St Mary's Churchyard.
Please bring picnic rugs/ chairs food and drink for your party.

Saturday, 24 July 10am-12noon Village Café and Sunday, 25 July, 1, 8 and 15 August Compline by candlelight 7pm St Mary's Shudy Camps

Wednesday, 28 July 10am Tots in the Garden (behind Pavilion). Sarah Thorne.

At Maggie's farewell service the retiring collection raised over £200 for USPG.

Linton Village Quiz. Thank you to all those who entered. We had 17 copies returned with several very nearly correct. The level of detail and accuracy of answers was impressive and three people have been awarded small prizes. We are grateful to Boswells, Nourish organic shop and Sweet Talk News who sold copies. £212 has been raised for church funds. St Mary's Events Committee.

The Churchyard is a beautiful and much loved area, and as with many churchyards, a haven for wildlife. A survey of the flora carried out recently listed 38 species of wild flowers. Diana Cook, from the local Wildlife Trust, came on a recent visit to meet Maggie, members of the Monday Gang who volunteer to maintain it, and other interested parties, to discuss the possibility of applying for a Conservation Churchyard Award. A small group will be needed to oversee the work needed to apply for the Award; **any volunteers would be very welcome!** Discussions are taking place about a management plan for grass cutting to encourage flowering in the different seasons. It is also hoped to install swift boxes in the tower for these iconic birds, now in decline. This is an exciting opportunity to celebrate the wealth of wildlife we have in the centre of our village, and to make it more widely known to all walking through the churchyard.

The Peace Garden behind the south wall of the churchyard and next to the Pavilion, has been created within the past few years as a Community Garden, a joint project with Linton Parish Council and members of our local community. It has now been registered with The Quiet Garden Movement, which nurtures low cost, accessible, outdoor space for prayer, contemplation, rest and inspiration. Begun in 1992, there are now over 300 gardens worldwide, in a variety of settings including private homes, churches, hospitals and schools. The list of gardens is found at www.quietgarden.org/find-gardens
The Peace Garden is already a well used and treasured space within our own village community, and now, as part of The Quiet Garden Movement, we can look forward to sharing it with visitors from further afield.

Thursday morning Study Group resumes on Thursday, 9 September. Time and venue tbc. To continue study of Christian Ethics. New members welcome. Contact [Michael Wilcockson](#).

St Mary's Youth Group (SMYG) having a break in August. September date tbc

Confirmation. If anyone (adult or youngster) wants to explore Christian faith with the possibility of being confirmed at Ely Cathedral Saturday, 27 November, contact [Michael Wilcockson](#) or [Anne Parry-Smith](#)

To avoid the expense of professional decoration at a time when the church needs to keep its belt tight, we hope to **restrain the exterior of the pavilion** ourselves during late August/September. If anyone can help, please contact Andrew Gore (lintongore2@gmail.com or 891970). It would be helpful if you could indicate whether you feel able to work from a stepladder or just at ground level. He will then contact those who have responded in principle to see if there are dates when sufficient people are available to make it possible.

The Gift Day tally is still rising. Thank you to all of you for considering your giving prayerfully. In terms of one off gifts and increases to monthly giving we will receive over £10,000 more than expected in the next year. This is an astonishing and humbling response. Thank you. David Watts.

Message from Bishop Dagmar: Last weekend saw the last sessions of the 2015-2021 **General Synod**, and a huge thanks to those who have represented the diocese in that body during this Synod term. For the clergy: Mike Booker, Hugh McCurdy, Nick Moir and Simon Talbott, and for the laity: Richard Morgan, Janet Perrett, and Francis Spufford. Elections to the new General Synod take place later this summer, and you can find more information about them [here](#).

Parish Prayer Board July 2021

Subjects for prayer and thanksgiving mentioned in our prayers. Phone Michael Wilcockson or email admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk with your request. Obtain permission for inclusion of names. Prayer requests are kept for 2 weeks and take the place of the prayer list in church. The Ministry Team are each praying for several in the congregation so all those on the electoral roll are included.

12 July 2021—Please pray for Margaret Davis. Margaret was a regular worshipper at St Mary's for many years. She died on 10 July aged 101. We also remember her family including her niece Josie in our prayers.

CAMMs Meals on Wheels delivering through lockdowns

CAMMs Meals on Wheels, a not-for-profit charity based in Cambridge, has continued delivering hot, nutritious, two course lunch meals through all three lockdowns to residents of Linton, Cambridge and selected parts of Cambridgeshire enabling them to live independently. They have been delivering meals since 2001.

The DBS checked drivers, wearing PPE and following strict COVID 19 measures, deliver hot lunchtime meals to Linton residents Monday to Friday or any combination thereof. Drivers keep a 'watchful eye' out for customers, alerting relatives or emergency services depending on the concern.

Are you struggling to prepare your meals or do you have relatives or friends that would benefit from a hot, two course lunch delivery, then call 01223 314288, email: enquiries@[cammsmealsonwheels.org](mailto:enquiries@cammsmealsonwheels.org) or go to www.cammsmealsonwheels.org and get in touch.

Reach Community Projects [Reach Haverhill : Reach Haverhill](#) for updates

“Hundreds of local families urgently need your help.”

Make a regular gift and have it boosted by £100 at no cost to you!

To add to the pewsheet, to receive it by email or as a paper copy , contact Anne: admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk by 9am Thursday.

Please note there will be one pewsheet in August. The deadline for material for this pewsheet is close of play on Monday, 26 July.