

Welcome to St Mary's

Pewsheets for weeks commencing *11 & 18 Dec 2022*



Rooted in God. Rooted in Community

Sunday, 11 Dec Third Sunday of Advent	8am 10am 3pm	Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-11 Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Eucharist Messy Christingle (Children's Society boxes)
Monday, 12 Dec	8am	Advent Promise
Tuesday, 13 Dec	8am	Advent Promise
Wednesday, 14 Dec	8am 9.30am 7.30pm	Advent Promise Tots in Tow in the Village Hall Bellringing
Thursday, 15 Dec	8am 10am 11am-2pm 4pm	Advent Promise Holy Communion Warm Hub in the Pavilion Infant School Christingle Trail—Churchyard
Friday, 16 Dec	8am 9am 1pm 4pm 7pm	Advent Promise in the Pavilion Infants' School Service Service of Thanksgiving for Andrew King Evening Prayer Choir Practice
Saturday, 17 Dec	10am	Coffee Morning
Sunday, 18 Dec Fourth Sunday of Ad- vent	8am 10am 6.30pm	Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-end Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Eucharist Carol Service
Monday, 19 Dec	8am 11am 7pm	Advent Promise Carols at Symonds House Concert in aid of Arthur Rank Hospice
Tuesday, 20 Dec	8am 10am 6pm	Advent Promise Scrabble Club meet in the Pavilion Linton Heights' Carol Service
Wednesday, 21 Dec	8am 9.30am 7.30pm	Advent Promise Tots in Tow in the Village Hall Bellringing

Forthcoming events/information

The church is open daily **M-F 9.45am-4pm**; **Sat 10am-4pm**; **Sun 11am-4pm**

10am Sunday service is now on Zoom. Registration information on website.

[See St Mary's website for full calendar](#) (It can be viewed in grid or list view.)

<i>Thursday, 22 Dec</i>	8am 10am 11am-2pm	Advent Promise Holy Communion Warm Hub in the Pavilion
<i>Friday, 23 Dec</i>	8am 4pm 7pm	Advent Promise in the Pavilion Evening Prayer Choir practice
<i>Saturday, 24 Dec</i> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4pm 10pm 11pm	Crib Service Rehearsal for Midnight Singers Midnight Mass

Saturday, 17 December 10am-12noon Coffee Morning in church. Carols, Christmas Stall and Raffle (including Diary date raffle).

Monday, 19 December 7pm at St Mary's—A fundraising concert for Arthur Rank Hospice Charity featuring Sopriola (Voice and viola) and the Belles choir. There will be Christmas favourites old and new, mince pies and audience carols. All are welcome. Entry is free. Retiring collection for ARHC. Rachel Godsill

Midnight Singers - Christmas Eve If you would like to sing in the choir for the Midnight Service please contact [David Parry-Smith](#) Tel 894715. Rehearsal is at 10pm in church for 11pm service.

New Year's Eve Party 8pm till midnight in the Pavilion. £3 bring your own drink and a plate of food to share. Tickets available from Sue Ellis 892257 or events@stmaryslinton.org.uk

The collections taken at the Christmas Services this year will go to the Cambridge Churches Homeless Project and to The Friends of the Holy Land.

The Not Quite General Knowledge' Quiz. & tea raised just over £500 for Christian Aid. The collection at the Carol Singing on Thursday, 8 December is also for Christian Aid. Thank you very much to the team of cleaners who made the church clean for the event after the dust producing work on the floor tiles.

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St Mary's finances. 'Every little helps', so the saying goes – and St Mary's needs those small amounts nowadays even more than ever. Like households over the land, we are struggling with rising bills, whilst hoping, at the same time, that we can keep key activities going.

In October income was £9,730, while expenditure was £11,334. In other words, we spent £1,604 more than we recouped through income.

So, will you be Christmas shopping online this year? If so, a small way to help St Mary's finances at no cost to yourself is through one of the following ways:

Amazon customers: log on to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/Church/1138508-0>. Once signed up, Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price of eligible purchases to the church

For other shops, go to the website **Give as you live**. Follow the sign up instructions and choose 'St Mary's, Linton' as the charity. Choose your shop from the Give As You Live website and you will be taken there directly.

You only need to sign up the first time in either case.

Warm Hubs. Heating costs are rising and as the temperature drops this will force all of us to make choices and for some these will be really difficult ones. We, along with the Free Church and the Library, have expressed an interest in setting up Warm Hubs to provide 3 hours one morning a week each with light refreshments. We need a co-ordinator and at least 3 volunteers. Training will be given. Contact [David Watts](#) if you are able to help in any of these roles.

Energy Costs Grant from Church of England. Distribution to Parish Churches. At Bishop's Council (Diocese of Ely) on 23 November 2022, it was agreed that each Parish Church will be allocated a one-off grant of £600.

[Reach Haverhill : Christmas 2022](#) for information on **Reach Christmas Appeal**

Christmas Tree. Thank you to Tom of "Tom's Fruit & Veg" for once again donating a Christmas Tree to St Mary's.

Coffee Mornings. Please let [Charlotte Ellis](#) know if you are able to help on a specific day or are willing to make a cake. Also, is there any group in the church willing to run a Coffee Morning on the 3rd Saturday of the month?

Pavilion cleaning. As the pavilion is getting more bookings, it will need to be cleaned regularly. We need volunteers to go on a rota. If you can help please contact Hilary Angetter on 01223 892305 or h.angetter@gmail.com

Information/Prayerboard

Parish Prayer Board December 2022

Please indicate on the prayer list in church if the name(s) mentioned can be included on the pewsheet/website.

Sick—Please continue to pray for Ed, Jo and baby Austin who is now home and making good progress (Linton Free Church); Chris Kemshell (Linton Free Church) and his family; Maurice Smith & his wife Joan; Alan Cole (in hospital). We also pray for Alan's wife Brenda. Kathleen Hopkins. Don Mulholland (now at Symonds House) and his wife, Lorna Mulholland; Colleen Lockstone and her husband Derek; Joy Button.

Departed—Alan Clarkson. We remember Monica, Anne and the family in our prayers; Margaret Jordan. Please remember Margaret, her husband and her daughter Lyn Penfold in prayers. Andrew King. Please remember Sarah and the families of Andrew and Sarah in prayers.

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

Vacancy update 6 November 2022 on the website—front page news section on right hand side. **See information on the appointment of our new incumbent.**



We now have a new way of online giving which has a link and QR code. This information is also on the St Mary's website.