

# Welcome to St Mary's

Pewsheets for weeks commencing **19 & 26 Feb 2023**

<i>Sunday, 19 Feb</i> <i>The Sunday next</i> <i>before Lent</i> <i>Quinquagesima</i>	<b>8am</b> <b>10am</b>	<i>Readings: Exodus 24: 12-end; Matthew 6:25-end</i> <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> <b>Parish Eucharist</b>
<i>Monday, 20 Feb</i>	<b>11am</b> <b>7.45pm</b> <b>8pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion at Nichols Court</b> <b>Mothers' Union meet in the Pavilion</b> <b>Beacon Trust meeting</b>
<i>Tuesday 21 Feb</i>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Space for the Spirit on Zoom. Theme: Feet</b>
<i>Wednesday, 22 Feb</i> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<b>6.45pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Choir practice</b> <b>Eucharist with imposition of ashes</b>
<i>Thursday, 23 Feb</i>	<b>10am</b> <b>11am-2pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion in the Pavilion</b> <b>Warm Hub in the Pavilion</b>
<i>Friday, 24 Feb</i>	<b>9am</b> <b>4pm</b>	<b>School Service at the Infants' School</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b>
<i>Sunday, 26 Feb</i> <i>First Sunday</i> <i>of Lent</i>	<b>8am</b> <b>10am</b>	<i>Readings: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11</i> <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> <b>Together with God (TWG)</b>
<i>Tuesday, 28 Feb</i>	<b>10am</b> <b>11am</b>	<b>Scrabble Club meet in the Pavilion</b> <b>Lent Course on Zoom</b>
<i>Wednesday, 1 Mar</i>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Bellringing</b>
<i>Thursday 2 Mar</i>	<b>10am</b> <b>11am-2pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion in the Pavilion</b> <b>Warm Hub in the Pavilion</b>
<i>Friday, 3 Mar</i>	<b>4pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> <b>Choir practice (25A Back Road)</b>
<i>Saturday, 4 Mar</i>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Parish Prayer Meeting on Zoom</b>

**Collation Service**—A big thank you to everyone who helped, in whatever capacity, to make the service such a tremendous celebration. I am particularly grateful to those, too many to name now, who helped transform the church interior from a dirty building site into one fit for such an occasion, to the flower arrangers who created such lovely oases of colour, to the bakers, pourers and servers, and all who took part in the service in whatever capacity - thank you. I have had a number of emails expressing appreciation for the service which I'm sure we would not have had without your efforts and participation. It was a wonderful team effort- thank you. David Watts.

## Forthcoming events/information

We apologise that the church is currently closed for several weeks to visitors outside Sunday service times while work is being carried out. Thursday morning Communion is held in the Pavilion behind the church.

**Saturday, 18 February 10am-12noon. Coffee Morning in church.** All welcome. We are always pleased to receive raffle prizes for the monthly Coffee Mornings.

**Messy Church Sunday, 19 February** will try upcycling crafts as we explore the story of Zaccheus. Please can you help us? We need clean, empty cans to make into pen pots and small (500ml max) plastic drink bottles. We will also appreciate help with moving resources across to the village hall and back to church at 5pm. Or would you be able to prepare some food? More info from Sarah [sarah.thorne@stmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:sarah.thorne@stmaryslinton.org.uk) or 07307 680 526

**Cambridge Month of Accompanied Prayer, Lent/March 2023** gives a weekly meeting with a trained guide, either face to face or via zoom or phone from 6-31 March. Face to face meetings are on Friday afternoons at 7 Brookside. There is no charge. **Closing date for applications is Monday, 20 February or very soon after.** More details and an application form –  
Kay Dodsworth: [ekdodsworth@gmail.com](mailto:ekdodsworth@gmail.com); 01223 234493 or 07786910406.  
Romie Ridley: [romieridley@gmail.com](mailto:romieridley@gmail.com); 07941862435 or 01223 842922

**Monday, 20 February 7.45pm Mothers' Union meet in the Pavilion.** Nanette will talk on "An Alternative History of St Mary's: A Verger's Eye View." Visitors welcome.

**Lent Lunches 2023 start on Wednesday, 22 February at Celia & George Fisher's, 37 Back Road, Linton.** Note revised time **12.30-2.30pm**. See posters and fliers for full list. All welcome. The chosen charity is Cambridge Churches Homeless Project. Further information from Celia Fisher 893839.

**Saturday, 25 February 2pm-3.30pm Crafty Café @Chalklands Community Room.** The Cafés will be held on the last Saturday of the month. Share ideas, skills and a cuppa. All ages are welcome and our crafty cafes are free to attend. If you would like to attend/join a WhatsApp group, email [lintoncommunityhelp@gmail.com](mailto:lintoncommunityhelp@gmail.com) Yannick Auckland.

**Tuesday, 28 February 11am Lent Course** (5 sessions) on Zoom led by Michael Wilcockson. We will be using the booklet "Dust & Glory". Email Anne [admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk) for a copy of the booklet &/or Zoom link.

## Forthcoming events/information

**Saturday, 11 March 3pm in church. Vintage Tea + talk by Tim Breitmeyer “Behind the curtain @ The State Visit”.** Tickets £10 (children £5). Booking essential. Sue Ellis will be selling tickets in church after Sunday, 10am service or email [events@stmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:events@stmaryslinton.org.uk) or 01223 892257.

**Tuesday, 14 March 7.30pm Deanery Synod** at St Mary the Virgin, Gt Shelford.

**Sunday, 30 April 2.30pm at St Mary’s, Memorial Service for Alan Clarkson.**

**Sunday 14 May 11.30am in church Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).**

**Saturday, 10 June Picnic in the Park**—Linton Recreation Ground including 2pm Open Air Service.

***Easter Trail.** We are planning an event jointly with the children’s team at the Free Church on Saturday, 8 April from 10 until 12.30. This is a wonderful opportunity to work together and we’re hoping you will be able to join the team. Contact Sarah for more info, or to book a half-hour slot as a volunteer.*

*Also from Sarah:* Here is a link to the short film TLG (Transforming Lives for good) giving the stats from 2022 <https://vimeo.com/781835020> This ties in with the Making Lunch Club in Linton.

### **Living in Love and Faith**

On 20 January 2023 the Bishops’ announced that clergy would in the future be allowed to bless same-sex couples. The Bishops felt that had the issues raised by ‘Living in Love and Faith’ been debated at General Synod there would have been no agreement and the issues of identity and sexuality in the Church of England been set back for years. Therefore, using Canon B5 the Bishops decided that clergy could, if they wished, now bless a same-sex couple who wished to make their covenantal relationship public in church. The blessing would be for the life of the couple and not their civil marriage or partnership. Holy Matrimony in the Church of England remains, therefore, the union of one man and one woman. Although the decision to bless a same sex couple remains the prerogative of individual priests, it would seem sensible to me for clergy to consult with their respective PCCs. Revd Michael Wilcockson

For further information, see [Ely Diocese website](#)

**Revised booking form for Church and Pavilion bookings** can now be found on the church website.

## Information/Prayerboard

### Parish Prayer Board February 2023

**We will normally keep names on the list for a couple of weeks unless circumstances change. Please indicate on the prayer list in church if the name(s) mentioned can be included on the pewsheet/website.**

We pray for all the staff Paintins at this very busy time for them.

**Sick**—Please pray for Audrey Fisher; Nicky (friend of Sarah King) and family;

**Departed**—John Norris. We remember his wife Cynthia and family in our prayers.

Alan Nokes (father of Clare Revens). We remember Clare and family in our prayers.

If you didn't fill in a GDPR consent form a few months ago, we'd be grateful if you could do so. The reason is that we need your permission in order, for example, to add your name to the pewsheet if you need the congregation's prayers. You must have given permission for the church to email or write to you, or to use any photo with your face on it. There are paper copies in church for you to fill in: just hand to a churchwarden or to Molly Warrington when completed. Alternatively, request one from: [molly.warrington@stmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:molly.warrington@stmaryslinton.org.uk)

**Beacon Youth Trust**—volunteers wanted to help with after school clubs. Contact [Cynthia.mukoko@romseymill.org](mailto:Cynthia.mukoko@romseymill.org)

**The Vintage Tea on 4 February made £393 for church funds.** Thank you to all who came and to all who helped make the afternoon so enjoyable.

Dear Friends of St Mary's, Thank you so much for the wonderful welcome yesterday for our little band of North Dartmoor parishioners, from the minute we stepped inside we felt welcome. Thank you also for your hospitality of wine and food it was really appreciated. It was so lovely to speak to so many of you, and we feel assured you will take good care of Paul in his ministry. We will miss him a great deal as he has become such a big part of Dartmoor, but must now look forward to welcoming a new minister and all the work involved in the recruitment process. With warmest wishes, Rosemary Bleakman.

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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](mailto:admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk) by 9am Thursday.