

St Mary's Parish Newsletter

3rd March to 16th March



St Mary's LINTON

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(Any items to be included in the next Newsletter to be received by **9am** on **11th March, Monday**, thank you)

LENT GROUPS 2024 – SEE PAGE 6

Services for Sunday 3rd March, the Third Sunday of Lent:

8am: BCP Communion (Said)

10am: Bartlow: Morning Worship

10am: Sung Parish Communion

11am: Horseheath: Family Worship

4pm: Horseheath: Evening service with healing

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22

This week:

Monday 4th, 11am: Nichols Court Holy Communion

Wednesday 6th, 7pm: Bellringing at St Mary's, Linton

Wednesday 6th, 7.30pm: Lent RnB group

Thursday 7th, 10am Holy Communion (Said)

Friday 8th, 9am: Linton Infant School service

Friday 8th, 4pm: Evening Prayer

Friday 8th, 7pm: Choir practice

Services for NEXT Sunday, 10th March, Mothering Sunday:

8am: BCP Communion (Said)

10am: Castle Camps: Holy Communion

10am: Bartlow: Mothering Sunday Family Communion

10am: Church: Mothering Sunday Family Communion

6pm: The Well

Readings: 1 Samuel 1:20-end; St Luke 2, 33-35

The following week:

Monday 11th, 11am: Symonds House Holy Communion

Monday 11th, 7.30pm: Pavilion: PCC

Wednesday 13th, 7pm: Church: Bell Ringing

Thursday 14th, 10am: Holy Communion (Said)

Friday 15th, 9am: Linton Infant School service

Friday 15th, 4pm: Evening Prayer

Friday 15th, 7pm: Choir Practice

Saturday 16th, 10am: Coffee Morning

Please remember in your prayers:

The families of the late: Maggie Richardson, Derk Moss

For healing: David Parry-Smith, Dodge, Joe Cooper, Maurice Smith, Celia Fisher, Brenda Cole and Michael Horton.

*To add to this list please contact the Parish Coordinator or Rector
or use the sheet at the back of the church.*

UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS

Lent Lunches 2024

All are welcome at a soup and cheese lunch taking place on

Wednesdays in Lent

12.30-2.30pm:

Wednesday, March 6th (Margaret & Brian Cox); and

Wednesday, March 20th (Celia & George Fisher)

Please continue to keep Celia in your prayers for a good recovery, thanks. Donations are invited for this year's charity – Water Aid. The charity's vision "is of a world where everyone, everywhere has safe and sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene." Please Gift Aid your donation if you can do so. No booking is needed, just come along.

Talk by Cathy Watts

on Sunday, 3rd March at 10am

Cathy will be speaking about her 'Trip of a Lifetime – God at Work in India' following her trip with the Diocese to the link diocese of Vellore in Southern India.

Our new lectern will also be dedicated during this service.



Mothering Sunday

on Sunday, 10th March at 10am

Celebrating mothering love - of all kinds - for all ages, service of Family Communion.



Granta Deanery Synod

on Thursday, 14th March 2024

at 7.30-9m All Saints' Church, Harston.

Everyone is most welcome to our Lent reflection and discussion on the topic of **God, evil and suffering**. It will be led by Rupert Shortt, formerly religion editor of the *Times Literary Supplement* and Research Associate at the Von Hügel Institute, St Edmund's College, Cambridge. Rupert will be basing his thoughts on his most recent book, *The Hardest Problem* (2022).

Lent talk and discussion 'The Hardest Problem: God, Evil and Suffering'. On Thursday, 14th March, 7.30 pm All Saints Church, Harston Deanery Synod Speaker: Mr Rupert Shortt, author and Research Associate at the Von Hügel Institute, St Edmund's College, Cambridge. Everyone is most welcome.

"Chorale" – New Cambridge Singers Concert

on Saturday, 23rd March at 7.30pm

The chorale was Martin Luther's answer to a simple question: how to involve the whole congregation of a church in the liturgy. Proceeds will go towards church funds and there will be a retiring collection for United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Tickets from Sue Ellis.

A Passion for Easter by Haverhill Singers

on Saturday, March 23rd at 7pm in West End Congregational Church

Performance of the choruses and chorales from J.S. Bach's masterpiece St. John's Passion, accompanied by a string ensemble from the University of Cambridge. The performance will be augmented by evocative works from Mozart, Purcell, Tallis, Taverner and Gibbons with narration of the Easter story in between choral pieces.

Tickets at just £15 (includes a generous buffet, hot and cold drinks), book online <https://www.haverhillsingers.org/>

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust
Annual Conference 2024

on Saturday 13th April 2024

The Lee Hall, Wolfson College, Cambridge CB3 9BB

For further info <https://camhct.uk/> or 01353 778129

Fundraising

Give as you live

If you buy online consider shopping via <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/> to raise money for St Mary's. Most major retailers are in the scheme including Sainsbury and Tesco. Please sign up with Give As You Live and **enter our charity number 1138508** as the charity you wish to support. Thank you.

Tots in Tow

The Co-op is changing the way we all earn our discount, and this will impact the way they support local causes. It's even more important to Tots that you register us as your local choice. If you need help to do this, Sarah will be happy to help either at the coffee morning on Saturday, or call 07307 680 526, or caf@stmaryslinton.org.

Other Notices

HELP NEEDED

Church Coffee Rota

Do you enjoy a cup of coffee after church? If so, would you like to join the coffee Rota? With more volunteers, I would aim to rota you once a month or less.

Please see Charlotte Dodd for more details

or events@stmaryslinton.org.uk

Would you like to experience a Tots session?

Contact Sarah if you would be interested in coming as a visitor, or maybe join the team. We run sessions every Wednesday during term time, in the village hall 9.30-11am.

Floodwatch

In recent months, the river has risen to nearly the same level as when the flooding occurred. When this happens, we get a message from Floodline that this is a possibility, we look at the river and the weather

and alert volunteers to the possible need for action using WhatsApp. If necessary, we move furniture into the pavilion and make the electrics safe. If you can help to prepare the church for such an emergency, please let David Watts know (david.watts@stmaryslinton.org.uk).

Do you have a new email/phone number?

Please let **Elena**, admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk, know and copy in molly.warrington@stmaryslinton.org.uk so the newsletter mailing list and your church records can be updated for GDPR. Thank you.

LENT IN THE LINTON PARISHES 2024

The Church of England's Lent theme for 2024 is ***Watch and Pray: Wisdom and hope for Lent and life.***

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus kneels in darkness in the Garden of Gethsemane. Though he pleads with his disciples, "Stay here with me ... Watch and pray," they all fall asleep, leaving him alone in his hour of deepest suffering.

This Lent all of us are encouraged to draw on the wisdom of Black Spirituality, particularly the practice of "tarrying" (waiting) as a community to draw closer to Jesus and to each other.

You are welcome at any one of the five groups meeting across our parishes to learn more, share questions and experiences, and grow in friendship. Short, accessible booklets are provided to guide our times together.

They take place on:

- Monday morning (Barry & Rosie's) 10.45am for 11am
- Tuesday evening (Jackie's & others) 7.20pm for 7.30pm
- Wednesday morning (Revd Michael & Alison's) at 11.30am
- Wednesday evening (Matt & Catharina's) 7.20pm for 7.30pm and
- Thursday afternoon (Castle Camps Vicarage) 2.30pm.

Please contact Revd. Paul if you would like any more information.