

St Mary's Parish Newsletter

28th April to 11th May



St Mary's LINTON

Rooted in God. Rooted in Community

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(Any items to be included in the next Newsletter to be received by **9am on 6th May, Monday**, thank you)

Services for Sunday 28th April, Easter 5:

8am: BCP Holy Communion (said)

10am: Church: Cafe Church

10am: Bartlow: Holy Communion

10am: Shudy Camps: Holy Communion & PCC

Readings: Acts 8.26-end; John 15.1-8

This week:

Monday 29th April, 10.45am: Nichols Court Holy Communion

Wednesday 1st May, 8.30am: Church: Gas Engineers onsite

Wednesday 1st May, 7pm: Bellringing at St Mary's, Linton

Thursday 2nd May, 10am: Church: Holy Communion (said)

Friday 3rd May, 9am: Church: Infant School Service

Friday 3rd May, 4pm: Church: Evening Prayer

Friday 3rd May, 7pm: Choir practice

Services for NEXT Sunday 5th May, Easter 6:

8am: Holy Communion BCP (Said)

10am: Church: Sung Communion

10am: Bartlow: 3 Counties Walk

4pm: Horseheath: Joint Evening Service with prayer for healing

Readings: Acts 10.44-end; John 15.9-17

The following week:

Monday 6th May: Symonds House Holy Communion c10.45am

Wednesday 8th May, 7pm: Church: Bell Ringing

Thursday 9th May, 10am: Holy Communion (said)

Thursday 9th May, 7pm: Balsham: Deanery Eucharist for Ascension

Friday 10th May, 9am: Church: Infant School Service

Friday 10th May, 7pm: Choir practice

Saturday 11th May, 1pm: Ely Cathedral: RSCM Choirs' Festival

Please remember in your prayers:

The families of the late: Graham Flitton, Glynis Brewer

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

Please remember in your prayers the members of the **Crown Nominations Commission (CNC)** who will be short-listing now and the next few months (until mid-July) candidates for the next Bishop of Ely.

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

UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS

Baby Steps run by St Mary's Church, Linton **starting Friday 26th April 2024**

Five sessions

10.30am – 12 noon at Chalklands Community Room

A multi-sensory nurture course for babies up to one year old with their parent or carer. We will explore our relationship with God and each other using bubbles, water, games, stories, and songs.

Only 10 babies can come, so please book a place!

Phone Sarah Thorne 07307 680 526 or email

sarah.thorne@stmaryslinton.org.uk

Would you, or a member of your family like to be confirmed?

Please contact Revd Paul if you would like to take this step on your journey of faith (or are interested in being baptised). Candidates will meet to prepare beforehand and will be Confirmed at Ely Cathedral on Sunday 24th November: 01223 455098 or rector@stmaryslinton.org.uk.

Our Roots & Branch groups resumed the week beginning 22nd

April – if you haven't been before, you're most welcome to join us for a new term (we usually meet fortnightly for four occasions and then have a break). These groups meet for discussion and fellowship on Monday & Wednesday mornings and Tuesday evenings at homes across Linton and all are welcome. Contact Revd Paul for more information.

A Quiet Day for the Linton Parishes – Saturday 27th April
10am-c3.30pm - Fully booked, but if you have missed a chance to join us this time, look out for our next LP Quiet Day in September.

A new informal service now takes place every first Tuesday of the month at Chalklands community room, c10.30am. Join us for this gentle time of good traditional hymns, Bible reading and prayer and coffee. Contact Revd Paul or Ann Slaymaker if you'd like to be involved.

Granta Deanery Ascension Day Service

Thursday 9th May at 7pm (note new time) at Holy Trinity Church, Balsham. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Fundraising

On Sunday 7th April Revd Michael dedicated the purple chasuble, stole and dalmatic as made by Cathy Watts for St Mary's. We are particularly grateful to **Mrs Hilda Moxon** for her very generous donation which made it possible to buy the materials for these articles.

St Mary's regular donations

St Mary's relies on regular donations from the congregation to maintain our worship. Thank you for your support in the past.

As we enter a new tax year have you considered reviewing your giving? Please speak to Sue Ellis our Treasurer, 892257, treasurer@stmaryslinton.org.uk or John Organ our Stewardship Officer if you would like to discuss this further.



If you don't currently give regularly but are considering doing so and would like to know more, please contact Sue or John.

Coffee Mornings

Thank you for supporting our monthly coffee mornings. The April coffee morning raised £268 for church funds.

Christian Aid

Our annual fundraiser for Christian Aid will take place at St Mary's on Saturday 18th May between 10am and noon, As well as the usual delicious refreshments we will be running a selection of stalls - amongst them a tombola.

We welcome offers of help and ideas, as well as raffle and tombola prizes. These can be given to me or left in the box in the choir vestry. Together, we can create a lovely event for everyone in the community to enjoy!

Macmillan Mighty Hike

As you will know Becca has been recovering from four years of debilitating back pain. As part of this, she and I have chosen to undertake a 13-mile Mighty Hike for Macmillan in North Norfolk in May. We are in training, and we would like to invite you to sponsor us and raise money for people living with cancer. I'm sure you will appreciate what a huge step forward this is for us all and we hope you will feel moved to support us. Please use the link below to donate: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/beccaandpamwalkingmarathon>

Many thanks for your support, Becca and Pam

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, please call Sarah Thorne on 07307 680 526, or email her on caf@stmaryslinton.org.

Other notices

Electoral Roll

is due to be revised, before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 19th May. If you would like to be included in the Electoral Roll - you must be over 16 years of age, baptised and a resident of the parish, and a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) please contact me for the necessary forms or more information. Applications must be returned no later than May 4th.

Thank you. Jo George 01223 894964

electoralroll@stmaryslinton.org.uk

HELP NEEDED, PLEASE:

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.

Flood watch

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.

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.