

# St Mary's Parish Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> November to 7<sup>th</sup> December



St Mary's LINTON

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(Any items to be included in the next Newsletter to be received by **9am on 2<sup>nd</sup> December**, thank you)

## **Services for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Christ the King:**

**8am:** BCP Holy Communion (said)

**10am:** Café Church

**10am:** Bartlow: Holy Communion

**10am:** Shudy Camps: Holy Communion

**6pm:** Service of hope and healing: is a time of prayer, anointing, and reflective music in God's healing presence.

*Readings: Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14; John 18:33-37*

**This week:**

**Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1pm:** Funeral of the late Mel Ciriola Ellingham

**Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 7pm:** Bell Ringing

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10am:** Holy Communion (said)

**Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov, 9am:** Linton CE Infant School Friday Church

**Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11am:** Next Steps group (Pavilion)

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4pm:** Evening Prayer, Resurrection Chapel

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov, 6.30pm:** Confirmation Service, Ely Cathedral

**Services for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, Advent Sunday:**

**8am:** BCP Holy Communion (said)

**10am:** Sung Holy Communion

**10am:** Bartlow: Advent Morning Worship

**11am:** Horseheath: Advent Christingle

**1.30pm:** Church: Baptism of Ivy Creek

**4pm:** Castle Camps: Advent Carol Service

**6pm:** Music & Readings for Advent

*Readings: Psalm 25:1-9; Luke 21:25-36*

**The following week:**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 11am:** Mothers Union Advent Service & lunch

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 11am:** Nichols Court: Holy Communion

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 8.45am:** Angels and Messengers, Linton Infants

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 9.30am:** Granta School visit

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7pm:** Bellringing at St Mary's, Linton

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am:** Holy Communion (said)

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, 9am:** Linton CE Infant School Service

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, 11am:** Next Steps group (Pavilion)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, 4pm:** Evening Prayer, Resurrection Chapel

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7pm:** Choir Practice

***Names for prayer can be found on page 8. Thank you.***

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## NEWS & EVENTS COMING UP

As Advent begins and Christmas approaches, be sure to mark your calendars and join us for upcoming events with our church family. These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to connect, reflect, and share in the spirit of the season:

**Music and Readings for Advent** on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm

**The Well** on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm – quiet by candlelight

**Messy Church Christingle** on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm

**Coffee Morning, including prize draw** on 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10am

**The Linton Carol Service** on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6pm

### **Christmas Eve:**

**Crib Service** at 4pm

**Midnight Mass** at 11.30pm

### **Christmas Day:**

**BCP Holy Communion (said)** at 8am: a quiet service of Holy Communion in traditional language to start the day.

**Christmas Day Family Communion** at 10am: come and celebrate the birth of Jesus in an uplifting and inclusive service.

## The Sheep are Gone!

### HELP!!!

The Bethlehem Sheep have escaped and are in 18 windows along Linton High Street. Can you find them all?

Forms to fill in can be found on the St Mary's church website or the church porch. **Bring your completed form to the Crib service at 4pm** to claim your prize.



## Wreath Making Workshop on 30th November 10am

Book your place in our workshop and make your wreath for Christmas. Cost: £25 including materials (bring your gloves and secateurs).

Spaces are limited, so book soon to avoid disappointment.

Tickets available from Charlotte Dodd [events@stmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:events@stmaryslinton.org.uk) or Sue Ellis on 01223 892257.



## Christmas Hamper Raffle

Throughout December we will be selling tickets for our Christmas Hamper Raffle, with the chance to win one of two hampers. If you can donate to the hampers, please see Charlotte Dodd to sign up for specific items.

## **Burns Night Ceilidh at St Mary's**

Celebrate Burns Night early with us on **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm** at St Mary's, Linton. We are delighted to welcome back friends from Cambridge University Ceilidh Band and there will be a Burns Night supper included (vegetarian alternative available). Tickets from Charlotte Dodd or Sue Ellis.

## **Coffee Morning in aid of the Friends of St Mary's on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 10am**

£5 per person

The Friends will be serving savouries including cheese scones, sausage rolls and smoked salmon triangles – just for anyone who has had a surfeit of sweet things and chocolate over Christmas.

There will also be a raffle and hot drinks, as well as an opportunity to be the first to book tickets for the popular **The Friends' Quiz Evening on 15<sup>th</sup> February** in the Church.

*About the Friends: Our Parish Church is a beautiful building that is over 900 years old and the only Grade I listed building in Linton.*

*The Friends of St. Mary's is a registered charity and was founded in the 1980s to restore, preserve, repair, maintain and improve the church building, fixtures and fittings. Most recently over £120,000 has been spent on further repair works, redecoration and a new lighting system.*

*Our Parish Church receives no money from the Diocese of Ely, the wider Church of England, central government or local councils, meaning that the charity needs the continued support of the local community and other sympathetic 'friends' to carry on this vital work. Join us to help to make sure that our ancient church is open in another 900 years.*

**[www.friendsofstmaryslinton.org.uk](http://www.friendsofstmaryslinton.org.uk)**

## Friends of St Mary's Quiz Night

on **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February from 6.30pm** with the first question at 7pm. The Linton News' esteemed editor, David Watts, will be the quizmaster and there will be a prize for the winning (and losing) teams.



To book tickets (£10 per person) please, phone 01223 892160 or contact [info@friendsofstmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:info@friendsofstmaryslinton.org.uk) after 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Or to be the first in the queue come to The Friends' Coffee Morning in The Pavilion behind St Mary's on 4<sup>th</sup> January from 10am – 12 noon!

This will be a light-hearted evening that can be enjoyed with friends or an opportunity to make new friends and raise spirits at this dark time of year. Baked potatoes with chilli and salad will be served during the evening. Please bring your drinks and glasses. Teams can be up to six people, but if you are one or two, we will combine you with others.

## Youthinc

This charity vision is that every young person can meet with a Christian youth worker and link up with their local church. Youthinc subscribes to URBAN SAINTS resources. These are available online to all Granta Deanery parishes like ours. Email [youthincams@gmail.com](mailto:youthincams@gmail.com), if you would like access to them.

Everyone is invited to our joint service at **5pm on 30<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary's Sawston**. Please get in touch with project leader Jenny Duke or Rural Dean Revd Michael Wilcockson if you have any questions.

## Fundraising

Following our happy **Harvest Thanksgiving weekend in October**, I am pleased to say that from the bank statements and the Parish Giving Statement, it appears that our monthly income has increased by £415. With gift aid, this increases to **£502.50**.



**Thank you** to all those who have reviewed their giving. We really need it as we try to balance our budget. If you have not already done so, then take a moment to review yours. Thank you.

Sue Ellis

Our **November coffee morning raised a wonderful £334.50** for church funds. Join us on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10am for our next monthly **coffee morning**.



**Thank you** for your support at the **Songs for the Season concert**. We are waiting to hear from Annabelle's Challenge how much they raised. The church received **£173.42**.

***Please remember in your prayers:***

**For healing:**

Sarah Champion, Alan and Brenda Cole, Hannah, Richard Jessop, Tracey, Jo Plumb, Celia Fisher, Michael Horton, Geoff Pearce, Marion Young, Yelena Novikova.

**For families of the late:**

Obi Thornhill and Mel Ellingham

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

*Thank you.*

**Do you have a new email/phone number?**

Please let Elena, [admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk), know and copy in [molly.warrington@stmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto: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**

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