

St Mary's Parish Newsletter

8th December to 21st December



St Mary's LINTON

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(Any items to be included in the next Newsletter to be received by **9am on 16th December**, thank you)

Services for Sunday 8th December, 2nd Sunday of Advent:

8am: BCP Holy Communion (said)

10am: Second Sunday Communion

10am: Bartlow: Advent Family Service

10am: Horseheath: Advent Christingle

10am: Shudy Camps: Holy Communion

6pm: The Well

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4 and Luke 3:1-6

This week:

Monday, 9th Dec 10.45am: Symonds House Holy Communion

Monday, 9th Dec, 7pm: Fabric Committee (*in church*)

Monday, 9th Dec 7.30pm: Advent Compline

Wednesday, 11th Dec, 1pm: Christingle Trail, Linton Infants

Wednesday, 11th Dec, 7pm: Bell Ringing
Thursday 12th Dec, 10am: Holy Communion (said)
Friday, 13th Dec, 9am: Linton CE Infant School Service
Friday, 13th Dec, 11am: Pavilion: Next Steps group
Friday 13th Dec, 4pm: Evening Prayer, Resurrection chapel
Friday, 13th Dec, 7pm: Choir practice
Saturday 14th Dec, 10am: Horseheath Christmas Tree Festival

Services for Sunday 15th December, 3rd Sunday of Advent:

8am: Holy Communion BCP (said)
10am: Sung Holy Communion
11am: Horseheath: Family Worship & Tree Festival
3pm: Messy Church Christingle
6pm: Bartlow: Linton Parishes Evensong
Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-end; Luke 3:7-18

The following week:

Monday 16th Dec, 9am: LHJS Church Service
Monday 16th Dec, 10.45: Nichols Court Holy Communion
Monday 16th Dec, 7.30pm: Advent Compline
Monday 16th Dec, 7.45pm: Mothers' Union
Tuesday, 17th Dec, 9am: LHJS Church Service
Tuesday, 17th Dec, 11.30am: Funeral Service
Tuesday, 17th Dec, 2pm: Roof alarm maintenance
Wednesday, 18th Dec, 9am: Tots in Tow
Wednesday 18th Dec, 7pm: Bellringing at St Mary's, Linton
Thursday 19th Dec, 10am: Holy Communion (said)
Friday 20th Dec, 9am: packing Christmas Hope boxes
Friday, 20th Dec, 9am: Linton CE Infant School Service
Friday, 20th Dec, 1pm: Funeral Service
Friday 20th Dec, 4pm: Evening Prayer, Resurrection Chapel
Friday 20th Dec, 7pm: Choir Practice
Saturday, 21st Dec, 10am: Coffee Morning

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

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NEWS & EVENTS COMING UP



As Christmas approaches, let's come together to celebrate the joy and hope this season brings. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for the upcoming events for everyone in our parish. These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to connect, reflect, and share in the spirit of the season:

The Well – quiet by candlelight, with music - 8th December, 6pm

Messy Church Christingle on 15th December at 3pm

Coffee Morning, including prize draw on 21st December at 10am

The Linton Carol Service by candlelight 22nd December, 6pm

Christmas Eve

Crib Service at 4pm – for all ages

Midnight Mass at 11.30pm

Christmas Day

BCP Holy Communion at 8am: a quiet service in traditional language to start the day

Christmas Family Communion at 10am: come and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

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 on the church porch. To claim your prize, bring your completed form to the Crib service at 4 p.m.



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tickets are on sale for our Christmas Hamper Raffle, with the chance to win one of two hampers. See Nanette or Charlotte Dodd for tickets.

New Year's Eve Party

on **31st December, 8pm** in the Pavilion.

Bring a plate of food and your drinks to share. Tickets £3 to cover heating and prizes available from Sue Ellis or Charlotte Dodd



Infant School Gift Hamper

As a church family, we would like to show our appreciation for all the staff at Linton Church of England Infant School, for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

We are organising a Christmas hamper filled with treats and goodies to spread some festive cheer. If you would like to contribute, we are requesting Fairtrade items, including tea, coffee, chocolates, biscuits etc or if you want to give cash, I can buy something Fairtrade with it.

The hamper will reflect our thanks for everything the staff do to care for and nurture our young children. There is a box in the church to collect the items please give them to Cathy Watts or phone 893687.

The Well – Sundays 8th December & 12th January

A welcome space of quiet by candlelight, providing space to think, pray, rest meditate. With times of stillness, reflective music and only a few words, The Well offers sanctuary from the busyness of Christmas and a good way to begin the new year with God.



Coffee Morning in aid of the Friends of St Mary's

on Saturday 4th January 2025 at 10am, £5 / 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

Burn's Night Ceilidh

Celebrate Burns Night early with us at St Mary's, Linton, on **18th January at 7pm**. We have the Cambridge University Ceilidh Band returning and there will be a Burns Night supper included (vegetarian haggis available).



Tickets are £20 and available from Charlotte Dodd or Sue Ellis.

Friends of St Mary's Quiz Night

on Saturday, 15th 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 after 4th January.

Or to be the first in the queue come to The Friends' Coffee Morning in The Pavilion behind St Mary's on 4th January from 10.00 am - 12noon!

This should 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.

About the Friends: Our Parish Church is a beautiful building that is over 900 years old and the only Grade 1 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. The 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.

Christmas Day at Nichols Court

Revd Michael will be taking a **Holy Communion Service**, with carols, at Nichols Court at 11.15am. Everyone is very welcome. Pam Latimer

The Events Committee has been busy planning a **programme of events** for the next few months. Please see the posters and help yourself to a flier on the table in the church: events@stmaryslinton.org.uk

Fundraising

The retiring collection at the afternoon Remembrance Day Service raised **£117 for Combat Stress and £117 for The Poppy Appeal**. Best wishes. *Sue Ellis*

Guided Walk - 29th December – in aid of Castle Camps church on **Sunday 29th December 1pm-3pm** we have another of Russell's guided walks. £5 goes towards the upkeep of All Saints Church Castle Camps.

This leaves from Lily Cottage in the High Street at 1pm with a walk of about an hour ending at Lily Cottage with mulled wine and nibbles afterwards.

Please let Lindi Kent at 07801 790213 or lindi.allen.kent@gmail.com know if you are coming, to mull enough wine!



Joan Smith would like to thank all members of the congregation who so kindly supported the Alzheimer's Society donating £115.00 to the

memory of her husband, Maurice. She and her family much appreciate their kind thoughts and support.

Date for your diary – Linton Parishes Communion at New Year

We look forward to celebrating the arrival of 2025 with a joint service of **Holy Communion for the Linton Parishes on Sunday 29th December at Shudy Camps church**. Using part of the Methodist Covenant service, this is an opportunity to reaffirm our faith and working together at the beginning of the year.

There is an 8am said Holy Communion at Linton that morning, but we hope many of us will travel to St Mary's, Shudy for this service. Lifts available – contact Elena on admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk or

PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

For healing:

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

For families of the late:

Sarah Campion, Mel Ellingham, Henry Lamb

*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.*

Thanks.

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 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.