

St Mary's Parish Newsletter

21st December to 17th January 2026



St Mary's LINTON

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(Any items to be included in the next Newsletter to be received by **9am on 12th Jan**, thank you)

Services for Sunday 21st December:

8am: BCP Said Holy Communion at Linton

10am: Sung Communion at Linton

10am: Holy Communion at Horseheath

3pm: Messy Christingle at the Pavilion, Linton

4pm: Choir Practice, Linton

4pm: Carols by Candlelight at Bartlow

6pm: Linton Carol Service

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16 & Matthew 1:18-end

This week:

Monday, 22nd Dec, 10.45am: Symonds House Morning Worship

Wednesday, 24th Dec, 9.30am: Midweek Prayer at Linton

Wednesday 24th Dec, 4pm: Crib Service at Linton

Wednesday 24th Dec, 10.45pm: Choir Practice, Linton
Wednesday 24th Dec, 11.30pm: Midnight Mass at Linton

CHRISTMAS DAY:

8am: Said Holy Communion at Linton
10am: Christmas Day Family Communion at Linton
10am: Holy Communion at Bartlow
10 am: Christmas Morning Family Communion at Castle
Camps
11.30am: Holy Communion at Nichols Court

Friday 26th Dec, 4pm: Evening Prayer, Resurrection Chapel

Services for Sunday 28th Dec:

8am: BCP Said Holy Communion at Linton
10am: Communion and Carols at Linton
10am: New Year service of Holy Communion at Shudy Camps
Readings: Jeremiah 31:15-17 & Matthew 2:13-18

The following week:

Wednesday, 31st Dec, 9.30am: Midweek Prayer at Linton
Wednesday, 31st Dec, 8pm: New Year's Eve Party
Friday 2nd Jan, 7pm: Choir Practice, Linton
Sat 3rd Jan, 9am: Coffee Morning

Services for Sunday 4th Jan, Epiphany:

8am: Said Holy Communion (BCP) at Linton
10am: Sung Communion at Linton
10am: Morning Worship at Bartlow
4pm: Evening Service with prayer for healing at Horseheath
6pm: Evensong for Epiphany at Linton
Readings: Psalm 72:1-9. 10-15 & Matthew 2:1-12

The following week:

Monday, 5th Jan, 11am: Nichols Court Holy Communion
Wednesday 7th Jan, 9.30am: Midweek Prayer at Linton
Thursday 8th Jan, 10am: Said Holy Communion at Linton

Thursday 8th Jan, 6pm: Fabric Committee Meeting

Friday 9th Jan, 9am: Linton Infants' School Service

Services for Sunday 11th January, Epiphany 2:

8am: Holy Communion at Linton

10am: Holy Communion at Linton

10am: Family Service at Bartlow

10am: Holy Communion at Castle Camps

6pm: The Well at Linton

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9 & Matthew 3:13-end

The following week:

Mon 12th Jan, 10.45am: Symonds House Holy Communion

Mon 12th Jan, 1pm: Pastoral Group Meeting

Wednesday 14th Jan, 9.30am: Midweek Prayer at Linton

Wednesday 14th Jan, 11am: Visiting Ringers

Wednesday 14th Jan, 7pm: Bell Ringing at Linton

Thursday 16th Jan, 9am: Linton Infants' School Service

Thursday 16th Jan, 12-2pm: Mary's Kitchen at the Pavilion

Friday 17th Jan, 10am: Church Coffee Morning

Friday 17th Jan, 12pm: Burns Night Supper & Ceilidh, Linton

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Please remember in your prayers:

For healing:

Paul Barrett, Steph Booth, Hannah, Patricia, Joan Smith,
Brenda Cole and Catherine.

*To add to the prayer list please contact Elena or a member of the
Ministry Team or use the sheet at the back of the church.*

NEWS & EVENTS



Messy Christingle

Sunday, 21st December at 3pm
at St Mary's Pavilion

'The Promise' Crib Service Christmas Eve at 4pm

Bring your sheep hunt sheet and come dressed as your favourite Nativity character!

Burns Night Supper & Ceilidh

Join us for an early Burns Night Ceilidh **on Saturday 17th January 2026** with the Cambridge University Ceilidh Band. Last year was wonderful, come and join us!



Tickets are £20 for adults and £10 for children, including a Burns Night Supper, with meat or vegetarian Haggis. Tickets available from Sue Ellis 01223892257 or Charlotte Dodd events@stmaryslinton.org.uk

New Year's Eve Party

31st December, from 8pm in the Pavilion, Linton.

Bring your own drinks and a plate of food to share.

Tickets are £3 and are available from Sue Ellis 01223892257 or Charlotte Dodd events@stmaryslinton.org.uk

Mary's Community Kitchen

The Kitchen has got off to a great start. Launched in October, it is not just about fresh bread and homemade soup (made by folks across Linton); it's about community conversation, reuniting old friends and helping to make new ones.



Comments from people who have come so far include: *'the best soup I've ever had!', 'it's been lovely because we have connected for the first time and we are three widows, two recently bereaved'* and *'I'm really overwhelmed by what you've done here'*.

One person spoke to her neighbours properly for the first time; they'd never spoken before, only waved. It's good to get together.

Come and join us: **Friday 16th January, 12pm-2pm at the Pavilion behind St Mary's**, no charge (donations are always welcome). For people of all ages and backgrounds.

Please, contact Yannick, Sue Filby or Revd Paul for more info, or if you'd like to join our group of bakers and souper-troopers or welcomers. Thank you.

Christmas Day Cold Buffet



at the **Chalklands Community Room**, 12pm until about 4pm for folks on their own (couples too). All we ask is that you bring one item, e.g., a dessert /cake/ fruit/ crisps /chocolates to share. All bread, drinks, meat and vegetarian items will be provided. Please, contact Karen on 07748917513 or lintonjazz64@gmail.com to let me know you are able to join us.

Karen Sanderson

COFFEE MORNING

In Aid of The Friends of St Mary's

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at the Pavilion on **Saturday, 3rd Jan 2026** in aid of **The Friends of St Mary's** from 10am – 12 noon

Raffle, Coffee, Savouries. £5 / Person

Quiz Night

Doors of St Mary's Linton open on **21st February 2025 at 6,30pm** and the first question starts at 7pm

QUIZ NIGHT

In Aid of The Friends of St Mary's



Raffle, Chilli & Baked Potatoes - £10 / person

Bring your own Drink, glasses and nibbles

Teams of up to 6 people, book via:

info@Fridayendsofstmaryslinton.org.uk or 01223 892160

Mid-Week Prayer

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Half an hour of informal prayer, to re-fuel and bless our community **every Wednesday, 9.30am-10am** in the Resurrection Chapel, Linton. All are welcome. Wednesdays 31st December, 7th and 14th January.

Midnight Singers

Calling singers for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at St Mary's, Linton. Service at 11.30pm, **rehearsal at 10.45pm.**

If you would like to take part, please let David Parry-Smith know so we can ensure we have music ready.

Email: directorofmusic@stmaryslinton.org.uk or phone 01223 894715

Thank you.

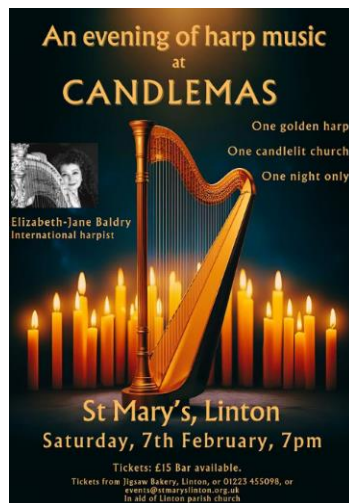
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Harp by Candlelight

To mark the season of Candlemas, St Mary's, Linton will welcome internationally acclaimed harpist Elizabeth-Jane Baldry **on Saturday 7th February (7pm).**

Our ancient church will be filled with candlelight and evocative music from across the centuries as the new season of Spring begins to stir. Proceeds from this very special evening will help to make sure that St Mary's is here for everyone, every day of the year.

Tickets (£15) from Jigsaw Bakery, events@stmaryslinton.org.uk or call 01223 455098. Not to be missed.



Together, giving hope – support the Reach Community Project

Everyone deserves to live their lives to the full. However, financial crises and hardship-related issues have a devastating

effect on individual and family life.

Based in Haverhill, we are determined and passionate to work towards flourishing, thriving and resilient people in the communities we support! We have £2,805 of our £10,000 matched funding pot! £7,195 to go.

Please follow this link to donate:

<https://www.reachcp.org.uk/Groups/366765/Donorfy.aspx>



ST MARY'S NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our busy parish church welcomes many different people every week and seeks to care for our community in many different ways. Visitors, too. To keep on doing this over the years to come, we have to reduce our deficit which, despite valiant fund-raising and numerous cost-savings, means our reserves really are running out.

Regular giving – especially through the **Parish Giving Scheme** – is very helpful for us as we do our best to care for our community and pay our way to the Diocese.

If it has been a while, please review your regular giving, or pick up a leaflet on legacy giving at the back of the church.

Thank you

