

St Mary's Parish Newsletter

15th March to 28th March 2026



St Mary's LINTON

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(Any items to be included in the next Newsletter to be received by **9am on 23rd March**, thank you)

Services for Sunday 15th March LENT 4

8am: BCP Said Holy Communion at Linton

10am: Mothering Sunday Communion at Linton (choir rehearsal
9.15am, Pavilion)

10am: Mothering Sunday Service at Bartlow

11am: Family Communion at Horseheath

Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a & John 19:25b-27

This week:

Monday, 16th March, 11am: Nichols Court Holy Communion

Monday, 16th March, 7.45pm: Mothers' Union Lent Meditation

Wednesday 18th March, 9.30am: Mid-week Prayer at Linton

Wednesday 18th March, 1pm: **Granta School Visit**

Wednesday 18th March, 7.30pm: Bell ringing at Linton

Thursday, 19th March, 10am: Said Holy Communion at Linton

Friday 20th March, 9am: Friday Church

Friday 20th March, 4pm: Evening Prayer at Linton

Saturday, 21st March 10am: Coffee Morning at Linton

Services for Sunday 22nd March, PASSIONTIDE:

8am: BCP Said Holy Communion at Linton

10am: Café Church at Linton

10am: Holy Communion at Bartlow

10am: Holy Communion at Shudy Camps

3pm: Messy Church

6pm: Music & readings for Passiontide at Linton

Readings: Romans 8:6-11 & John 11:1-45

The following week:

Monday, 23rd March 10.45am: Symonds House Morning
Worship with hymns

Wednesday, 25th March 9.30am: Mid-week Prayer at Linton

Wednesday, 25th March, 7pm: Bellringing at Linton

Thursday, 26th March, 10am: Said Holy Communion at Linton

Friday, 27th March, 9am: Friday Church at Linton

Friday, 27th March, 4pm: Evening Prayer at Linton

Friday, 27th March, 7pm: Choir Practice at Linton

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Please remember in your prayers:

The families and loved ones of of the late:

Peter Leggo, Anne Jessop

For healing:

Molly Reed, Paul Barrett, Steph Booth, Hannah, Patricia,
Fiona, Alison, 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

Music & Readings for Passiontide

Sunday 22nd March at 6pm

A reflective service of music and readings to mark the beginning of Passiontide. Following Christ's journey to the Cross, with music led by David Parry-Smith and the choir of St Mary's, Linton, all are welcome.



The Linton Mothers' Union Lent meditation

You are invited to join us for the Linton Mothers' Union Lent meditation on Monday 16th March, at 7.45pm in Linton Church, led by Rosie Feuell.

Do come and make it part of your Lent preparation. It will be a quiet reflective meeting with no chat nor refreshments.

Mid-Week Prayer

Half an hour of informal prayer, to bless our community and pray for one another, **every Wednesday, 9.30am-10am** in the Resurrection Chapel, Linton.



(Come a little earlier if you'd like a cup of tea, coffee or herbal wotsits, too).

Pop-Up Charity Shop

We are planning this year's **Christian Aid fundraiser for Saturday 16th May**. As last year, it will be held in St Mary's Church, but this year the time will be extended - we will open at **10am and close at 1pm**.



We would like to ask for donations of good quality pre-loved clothing and accessories and any other items – excluding electrical items – you might like to donate. We can collect these prior to the day if that is easier for you. We will have the usual delicious refreshments everyone has come to enjoy plus some lunch-time savouries.

There will also be a raffle and plant stall. Setting up will take place on Friday 15th following the school service. Any items left unsold and unclaimed will be donated to the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity.

We would also welcome offers of help with: setting up, making food, serving, setting up/packing away, donating raffle prizes or plants.

As a church, which has supported Christian Aid over many decades, we know that you will appreciate the ongoing needs of the world's poorest people, with whom Christian Aid works, and we truly appreciate your support as a church. Let's make this year's event the most successful yet!

Pam Richardson, on behalf of the family.



Friday 20th March 12 noon – 2pm

This month Mary's Community Kitchen will be held at Linton village hall.

Everyone is most welcome.
(No charge, donations welcome).

Come and share in home-made bread and a variety of tasty home-made soups.

ST MARY'S REALLY 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 church.

Thank you

From the Treasurer, this year's income and expenditure to date:

	January	February
Starting balance	£9,614	£17,072
Income	£12,063	£8,023
Expenditure	£4,605	£12,985
Ending balance	£17,072	£12,110

Like council tax, there was no ministry share in January as it is paid over 10 months. In January our income benefited from Christmas

collections, donations and December's gift aid as well as Januarys from the Parish Giving Scheme.

Our regular monthly giving usually provides an income of around £5,865.

Help Others Discover St Mary's

Have you enjoyed visiting St Mary's, attending a service, or joining one of our community events?

Your experience can help others feel welcome and confident about visiting the church for the first time. A short Google review makes a real difference.

We would also love to see **new faces and younger generations** become part of our church community. If you have friends, neighbours, or family members who might appreciate a welcoming church, please consider inviting them to join you one Sunday or at one of our events.

 **Write a quick review here:**

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/qdsYajlYNtIwCdYZ8>

Thank you for helping share the life and welcome of St Mary's.

**Know someone who might enjoy St Mary's?
Feel free to forward this newsletter to them.**

Come and join us!

Serve * Pray * Give

This year our annual meeting (APCM) will be held on Sunday 17th May. It will be an opportunity to celebrate all that has been achieved last year and to thank people who have shared so much of their time and talents for the good of our church family and parish.

Please consider whether you could join us on our PCC (Church Council) and share your experience and expertise in the coming year. We need all sorts of people, of different ages and backgrounds, as we look to the future.

As David Watts steps down as Churchwarden please pray for him – he has done so much for St Mary's over the years - and that we will find some-one to step into his role or serve as Assistant Churchwarden.

Please speak to Revd Paul or another member of the Ministry Team if you would like more information.

Thank you.