

# St Mary's Parish Newsletter

29<sup>th</sup> March to 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026



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 6<sup>th</sup> April**, thank you)

## **Services for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April - PALM SUNDAY**

**8am:** BCP Said Holy Communion at Linton

**10am:** Linton Parishes Family Communion at Linton (choir rehearsal 9.15am, Pavilion)

*Readings: Philippians 2:5-11 & Matthew 21:1-11*

## **This week (HOLY WEEK):**

**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am:** Morning Prayer

**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 11am:** Nichols Court Holy Communion

**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm:** Funeral of the late Peter Leggo

**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 6pm:** Compline (Ancient night prayer, with stillness & music)

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 9.30am:** Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 6pm-8pm:** Reading of St Mark's Gospel

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 9.30am:** Mid-week Prayer at Linton

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 6pm:** Compline

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 7.30pm:** Bell ringing at Linton

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> April:**

**10am:** Said Holy Communion

**6pm:** Holy Communion & Vigil (until 9pm) at Linton

**6pm:** Pavilion - Linton Roots meeting

**GOOD FRIDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> April:**

**10am:** Messy Church at the Village Hall

**3pm:** Music and readings at the Cross

**6pm:** Compline *with prayer for healing*

**HOLY SATURDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> April:**

**6pm:** Tenebrae

**SERVICES FOR EASTER SUNDAY**

**8am:** Said Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

**10am:** Easter Family Communion

*Readings: Acts 10:34-43 & Matthew 28:1-10*

**The following week:**

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 10.45am:** Symonds House Holy Communion

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am:** Mid-week Prayer at Linton

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm:** Bellringing at Linton

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 10am:** Said Holy Communion at Linton

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 9am:** Friday Church at Linton

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 4pm:** Evening Prayer at Linton

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

**The families and loved ones of the late:**

Peter Leggo, Anne Jessop and Rosslyne Pink

**For healing:**

Molly Reed, Paul Barrett, Steph Booth, Hannah, Patricia,  
Fiona, Alison, Brenda Cole and Catherine.

## NEWS & EVENTS

# Holy Week & Easter 2026

*at St Mary's, Linton*



**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**9.30am** Morning Prayer

**6pm** Compline (*Ancient night prayer, with stillness & music*)

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**9.30am** Morning Prayer

**6pm-8pm** **Reading of St Mark's Gospel**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**9.30am** Mid-Week Prayer

**6pm** Compline

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**3pm** Music and readings at the Cross

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**6pm** Tenebrae

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

**8am** Said Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

**10am** Easter Family Communion

*The Linton Parishes - where all are welcome*

## **St Mark's Gospel – public reading**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 6pm  
at St Mary's**

In full, from start to finish, the earliest Gospel to be written down (and the shortest).

Refreshments available. Come and go as you need to.

All are welcome.

**COME AND HEAR  
St Mark's Gospel**



**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
6pm-8pm**

(Refreshments available)

**ST MARY'S, LINTON**

## **St Mary's Events Update**

Events continue to play an important role in life at St Mary's, both in bringing our community together and supporting our fundraising efforts.

We are pleased to share the totals raised so far this year:

- **January Coffee Morning – £262.00**
- **Burns Night Ceilidh – £1,046.68**
- **Harp Concert – £750.00**
- **February Coffee Morning – £309.50**
- **Organ Recital – £814.00**
- **April Coffee Morning – £308.50**

**Total raised: £3,490.68**

This represents a **valuable source of income for the church**, and we are grateful to everyone who has supported these events ❤️

Looking ahead, our **next Coffee Morning** will take place **on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April**.

We will also be hosting one of our popular **Afternoon Tea on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**, which will include an engaging talk on the *North West Passage*.



We look forward to seeing you there!

## Pop-Up Charity Shop

We are planning this year's **Christian Aid fundraiser for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Mary's Community Kitchen**

will be held at Linton Village Hall on:

**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 12pm – 2pm**

Come and share in home-made bread and a variety of tasty home-made soups. Everyone is most welcome.

(No charge, donations welcome).

**Mary's**  
community kitchen  
**Come on in**  
Home-made bread & soup,  
good conversation, every month,  
no charge. Food for the soul!

**WELCOME**



**Linton Friends of the River Granta (FROG)** is planning a series of events during 2026 to promote the natural environment including walks, talks, film screenings and demonstrations/workshops.

Next one: Join us at St Mary's on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 6pm-7.30pm** for a screening of '**Britain's Hidden Fishes**' by the wildlife film maker, Jack Perks. A few years ago, he came all the way from Nottingham just to film river lamprey in the Granta at the Pocket Park! The film showcases UK fish from the coastline, chalk streams, rivers and ponds.

The film is 1hr 6min long, and we would anticipate a Q&A session of around 15 minutes. All are welcome. FREE.

## **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*



## 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.**