

# St Mary's Parish Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026



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> June**, thank you)

## **Services for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May, PENTECOST:**

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

**10am:** Café Church at Linton

**10am:** Holy Communion at Bartlow

**11am:** Joint Holy Communion & APCMs & shared lunch at Shudy Camps

*Readings: Acts 2:1-21 & John 20:19-23*

## **This week**

**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 11 am:** Morning Worship, Symonds House

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am:** Mid-week Prayer at Linton

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 7pm:** Bell ringing at Linton

**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 10am:** Said Holy Communion at Linton

**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2 pm:** Interment of Ashes (Darren Jefferies)

**Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 4pm:** Evening Prayer at Linton

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm:** Choir Practice

**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> May:** Linton Churchyard Day 10am-2pm

**Services For Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May, Trinity Sunday**

**8am:** Holy Communion at Linton

**10am:** Linton Parishes Holy Communion at Horseheath

*(No 10am service at Linton)*

*Readings: Isaiah 40:12-17; 27-end & Matthew 28:16-end*

**The following week:**

**Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 11am:** Holy Communion, Nichols Court

**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 6pm:** Linton Roots, Pavilion

**Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 9.30am:** Mid-week Prayer at Linton

**Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 11am:** Funeral Service (Barbara Birch)

**Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 7pm:** Bellringing at Linton

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 10am:** Said Holy Communion at Linton

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 9am:** Friday Church at Linton

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 4 pm:** Wedding Rehearsal

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 4pm:** Evening Prayer at Linton

**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 11.30m:** Wedding

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

**For healing:**

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

**For the family of the late**

Mrs Barbara Birch

*(funeral Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 11am)*

## News & Events

### Community Churchyard Day at St Mary's, Linton

If you can help - and feel free to invite family and neighbours - we will be meeting again to look after our beautiful churchyard between **10am-2pm on Saturday 30th May**, the green heart of Linton. Refreshments will be available in the Pavilion, and please bring your own gloves, secateurs, etc.

Thank you.



### Joint Service for the Linton Parishes Horseheath, 10am on Trinity Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May

Please come along and see friends from across the Linton Parishes.

*(While there's an 8am Said Communion, there is no 10am service at Linton that day. The Linton Parishes pilgrimage will now take place later in the year – more details to follow soon).*

### Thank you, David and welcome Tom and Phil!

If you weren't with us for our annual meetings this month, you may not know that David Watts has retired as Churchwarden after making a very significant contribution to the life of our Church and community.

We were delighted to re-elect Jacqui Burge as our Churchwarden and to welcome Tom Dodd and Phil Mills as Assistant Wardens for the coming year. More details will follow, as to who will focus on what, but do say hello to Tom and Phil when you see them and pray that God will bless them in their ministry among us.

**Revd Paul**

## **Evelyn Glennie, in conversation**

Dame Evelyn Glennie CH is a Scottish percussionist and the first person to create and sustain a full-time career as a solo percussionist **at All Saints' Church, Harston on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.**



She will talk about her exceptional life and the career she has carved out for herself. Doors open at 7pm and you are invited to join us for a glass of wine ahead of the talks beginning at 7.30pm.

Entry is free but we are suggesting donations of £10 to contribute to costs.

**Proceeds from donations** will be split between All Saints' Church (70%) and The Evelyn Glennie Foundation (30%), after deducting credit card processing costs.

Please book a ticket so we know how many to cater for:  
<https://www.harstonhauptonnewton.org.uk/in-conversation>

## **Welcomers needed @ St Mary's**

Our busy Church family relies on teamwork and the time and talents of many people. We are encouraged to hear that people think we are a welcoming church and want to build on this, as we seek to offer God's radical hospitality to everyone.

Sarah Thorne would love to hear from you if you are willing to join our team of Welcomers (formally known as Sidesmen) to help welcome folks at the range of services we offer at Linton. Contact Sarah on [sarah.thorne@stmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:sarah.thorne@stmaryslinton.org.uk) or speak to the Rector.

Training and support will be provided, and once a month would make a big difference. Thank you.

## Linton Open Gardens Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026, 2-6pm

Eight gardens will be open to raise funds for the charities supported by the National Garden Scheme (NGS) including Macmillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie.

St Mary's will be serving tea & homemade cake and visitors are also encouraged to visit St Mary's Peace Garden which is being lovingly tended by volunteers. St Mary's will benefit from 80% of proceeds from the teas with the remainder going to NGS.

Refreshments will also be available **at the Courtyard at 94 High Street**. See [ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk) for more information and look out for the distinctive yellow posters nearer the date.

If anyone is willing to make a cake(s) for the occasion, please speak to Charlotte Dodd, St Mary's Events Committee or email her at [events@stmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:events@stmaryslinton.org.uk) [events@stmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:events@stmaryslinton.org.uk)

## Open Gardens Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2-5pm

Welcome to **Castle  
Camps Open Gardens  
7th June 2pm-5pm!**

An excellent opportunity  
to chat with friends and  
neighbours.



Castle Camps Open Gardens  
7th June 2pm-5pm

Refreshments available  
Tickets £5.00 on the day from Lily Cottage

Raffle and plant stall  
Enjoy some lovely local gardens

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Lasts year's event was so successful that we are repeating our Open Gardens event this year. Many of our local gardens will be open. A chance to wander around and enjoy chatting to neighbours and friends enjoying beautiful, varied gardens. Refreshments and cakes will be available at the Bowls Club and some excellent plants from the plant stall which this year will be situated down Church Lane.

## Supporting the Life and Ministry of our Church

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), we shared an honest picture of our church finances. While we are grateful for God's continued provision and for the generosity of so many people, we are **currently facing a deficit**.

To ensure that our church can continue its ministry, maintain our buildings, and serve the wider community, **we need to increase our regular giving**.

For many of us, it can be difficult to know whether we are giving enough. A helpful question to ask is: *What could I give up, or what small change could I make, to support the work of the church?*

A £7 bottle of wine, a £5 magazine subscription, or a weekly takeaway coffee may seem like small expenses, but choosing to redirect even one of these to the church could make a meaningful difference.

- £5 a month is £60 a year.
- £10 a month is £120 a year.
- If 20 people increased their giving by just £5 a month, that would provide an additional £1,200 a year.
- If 50 people did so, it would generate £3,000 a year.

These modest increases, multiplied across our congregation, could help **turn our deficit into a surplus and give us confidence as we plan for the future. Thank you.**

Our giving is not simply about balancing the books. It is a practical expression of our gratitude to God and our commitment to the mission of the church. Every pound given help support worship, pastoral care, children's and youth work, outreach, and the running expenses of our church.

If you are able, please take a few moments to review your current giving and consider whether you could increase it, even by a small amount. What may feel like a minor sacrifice to us can become a significant blessing to the church (and our community).

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 for your continued generosity and faithful support. Together, we can ensure that our church remains a vibrant witness to God's love in our community for years to come.**



*Thank you!*

The recent afternoon tea and talk by Rosie Feuell raised **£396.50** for Church funds.

Thank you to all those who came and supported the event.

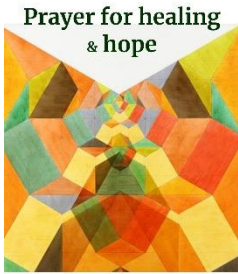
## **Pantaloons @ Castle Camps Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 7pm**

Back by popular demand the Pantaloons are presenting **Sherlock Holmes and the Hounds of the Baskervilles**.

Bring a picnic and picnic chair or rug and be entertained in the beautiful surroundings of All Saints Castle Camps church yard.



[Buy tickets – Sherlock Holmes & The Hound of the Baskervilles | Castle Camps – All Saints Church](#)



Sunday 7th June 6pm  
St Mary's, Linton

## Prayer for Hope and healing

Each month St Mary's, Linton, hosts a gentle time of prayer at 6pm on the first Sunday of the month. A short service, usually around 35 minutes, provides a space to hold loved ones and ourselves in God's light, for healing in body, mind or soul. Prayer of anointing with holy oil is available for those who wish to receive it.

**Next one:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm. All are welcome.

## Garden Party Berghane Hall, Castle Camps

We are very grateful to Shaun and Elizabeth Browne for again entertaining us in their wonderful garden on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm**. There is a suggested donation of £10 at the event. Teas, sandwiches and delicious cakes plus entertainment from our magnificent Community Choir. Please, let Lindi Kent know on 07801 790213 or [lindi.allen.kent@gmail.com](mailto:lindi.allen.kent@gmail.com).