

# St Mary's Parish Newsletter

## 21<sup>st</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July 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 30<sup>th</sup> June**, thank you)

### **Services for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June:**

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

**10am:** Sung Communion at Linton

**10am:** Holy Communion at Horseheath

**6pm:** Linton Parishes Evensong at Bartlow

*Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-13 & Mt 10:24-39*

### **This week**

**Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 10.45am:** Morning Worship, Symonds House

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am:** Mid-week Prayer at Linton

**Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 7pm:** Bell ringing at Linton

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 10am:** Said Holy Communion at Linton

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 9am:** Friday Church at Linton  
**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 4pm:** Evening Prayer at Linton  
**Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 10 am:** Coffee Morning  
**Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 10 am:** Village Café at Shudy Church

**Services for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June:**

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

**10am:** Café Church at Linton

**10am:** Holy Communion at Bartlow

**10am:** Holy Communion at Shudy Camps

*Readings: Jeremiah 28:5-9 & Mt 10:40-end*

**The following week:**

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

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 7pm:** Bellringing at Linton

**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 10am:** Said Holy Communion at Linton

**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 7pm:** 'The People's Emergency' film at Linton

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 9am:** Friday Church at Linton

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 4pm:** Evening Prayer at Linton

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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 loved ones of the late:**

Janet Hill

# News & Events

## St Mary's really needs you

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. Training and support will be provided. **On Saturday 27 June from 10am until midday**, I hope very much that you can join us for a cuppa and some cake in the church Pavilion.

Contact Sarah on [sarah.thorne@stmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:sarah.thorne@stmaryslinton.org.uk) or speak to Revd Paul.

## The Well – quiet time in a noisy world Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 6pm-7pm

St Mary's, Linton, has been a place of sanctuary and healing for at least a thousand years. Every month, on the second Sunday evening, we share an hour of quiet, with reflective music and only a few words. It's an informal space to catch breath and to recharge. Come and go as you like.



A quiet hour with music  
and space to think,  
pray, meditate...  
(come and go as you like)

## NEW Linton community app - Villio

We are delighted to support a new app, developed by Matthew James, aimed at building up community and promoting events across Linton and surrounding villages.

Sign up to advertise your events, Church or otherwise, for free at [www.villio.co.uk](http://www.villio.co.uk)



## Coffee Morning on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June from 10am, St Mary's, Linton



Come along for a friendly chat, refreshments, and the opportunity to spend time together in good company. Whether you are a regular member of the congregation or visiting for the first time, everyone is welcome.

## 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 churchyard.



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

## Garden Party at 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>, 3-5pm**. 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).

## Ride & Stride – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Ride & Stride is a fun way to support the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust (CHCT), helping churches across the county with repair and improvement costs. Half of the money you raise can go to a church of your choice.

You can take part by:

- Walking, cycling, riding, or using another form of transport to visit churches and chapels.
- Being a church welcomer.
- Organising your own sponsored event, such as a Hymnalong or Readathon.
- Taking part virtually through the National Churches Trust church explorer.

Churches do not need to be open to support the event. Visitors can still enjoy churchyards, displays, and the exterior of buildings.

If your church will be open, please register it at:

<https://camhct.uk/ride-and-stride/church-registration-for-ride-and-stride/>

Further information, sponsor forms, and downloadable resources are available at:

<https://camhct.uk/ride-and-stride/>

Please put the date in your diary and consider taking part in this year's Ride & Stride.



## Supporting the Life and Ministry of our Church

At our APCM, we shared that our church is currently facing a stubborn financial deficit (of around £10,000). We are deeply thankful for the generosity and commitment of our church family, but we now need to strengthen our regular giving to help sustain and grow our ministry. Our reserves are running out.

### Small gifts can make a significant difference

One simple question to consider is: *Could I make a small change to help support the church?* Choosing to redirect the cost of something such as a £7 bottle of wine, a £5 magazine, or a weekly takeaway coffee could have a meaningful impact.

- £5 per month = £60 per year
- £10 per month = £120 per year
- If 20 people increased their giving by £5 per month, that would provide an additional £1,200 each year
- If 50 people did the same, that would generate £3,000 each year

Together, these small contributions could help move us from deficit to surplus.

### A prayerful invitation

We invite you to take a few moments this week to review your regular giving and consider whether you might be able to increase it, even by a small amount. What may seem a modest contribution individually can become a considerable blessing when offered together.

**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.**



## Worship and Reflection

Alongside our regular Sunday morning services, we continue to host a range of special services each month, providing opportunities for different types of worship, reflection and fellowship:



- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** 6pm: Prayer for Hope & Healing;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** 6pm: The Well – a quiet, reflective hour with music and space to pause and pray;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** 6pm: Evensong for the Linton Parishes at Bartlow; and
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 10am Café Church – an informal and welcoming service for all ages.

Look out for our new times of informal, modern worship – **Encounter** – beginning at 6pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Come and sing together!

## St Mary's Lent Lunches 2026

The six lunches raised **£1,287** including some Gift Aid. Thank you. Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (ACT) was voted by the lunch hosts to receive the funds. Celia Fisher (organiser) and Anne Parry-Smith (admin support) were recently invited to an ACT "Thank you" morning at which they presented a cheque.

Thank you very much to all those who hosted lunches this year, the soup makers and helpers at each lunch!

Please look out for notices next February announcing Linton Lent Lunches 2027 and you will receive a warm welcome. The lunches are open to all. There is no charge, but donations are invited for the chosen charity.



**Come along for a  
Summer Social at our  
Pavilion on  
FRIDAYS 26<sup>th</sup> June &  
24<sup>th</sup> July 6pm-c9pm**

It's so easy to come along on a Sunday and not really get to know each other. Jesus loved sharing hospitality with all sorts of people, and this Summer there'll be a chance for us all to enjoy some relaxed time together.

Please bring along a bottle of something drinkable or plate of tasty nibbles, crisps or somesuch. No charge, of course, and all are welcome!

*Revd Paul*

## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**27<sup>th</sup> September Michaelmas  
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October**



## **FESTIVAL OF ANGELS**

**St Mary's, Linton**