

St Mary's Parish Newsletter

18th February to 2nd March



St Mary's LINTON

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(Any items to be included in the next Newsletter to be received by **9am** on **26th February, Monday**, thank you)

LENT GROUPS 2024 – SEE PAGE 7

Services for Sunday 18th February, the First Sunday of Lent:

8am: BCP Communion (Said)

10am: Parish Communion

10am: Horseheath: Holy Communion

3pm: Church: Messy Church

6pm: Bartlow: Evensong for the Linton Parishes

Readings: Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15

This week:

Monday 19th, 11am: Nichols Court Holy Communion

Monday 19th, 7.30pm: Pavilion Mothers' Union

Wednesday 21st, 7pm: Bellringing at St Mary's, Linton

Thursday 22nd, 10am Holy Communion (Said)

Friday 23rd, 4pm: Evening Prayer

Saturday 24th, 6pm: Service of Solidarity with the people of Ukraine

Services for NEXT Sunday, 25th February, the Second Sunday of Lent:

8am: BCP Communion (Said)

10am: Café Church

10am: Bartlow: Holy Communion

10am: Shudy Camps: Family Eucharist

Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Mark 8:31-end.

The following week:

Monday 26th, 11am: Symonds House: Morning Worship with Hymns

Wednesday 28th, 6pm: Church: Bell Ringing

Thursday 29th, 10am: Holy Communion (Said)

Friday 1st March, 9am: Linton Infant School service

Friday 1st March, 4pm: Evening Prayer

Friday 1st March, 7pm: Choir Practice

Saturday 2nd March, all day: Pilgrimage at Ely Cathedral

Please remember in your prayers:

The families of the late: Maggie Richardson, David Walters and Derek Lockstone.

For healing: Sue and Steve Corbett, David Parry-Smith, Dodge, Joe Cooper, Maurice Smith, Nannette Blackmore, Celia Fisher, Brenda Cole and Michael Horton.

*To add to this list please contact the Parish Co-ordinator or Rector
or use the sheet at the back of the church.*

UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS

Lent Lunches 2024

Celia Fisher thanks everyone for their prayers and support this past month and has arranged our Lent Lunches/. All are welcome at a soup and cheese lunch taking place on **4 Wednesdays in Lent**

12.30-2.30pm:

Wednesday, 21st February (home of Judy & Keith Nightingale);

Wednesday, 28th February (Jo George);

Wednesday, March 6th (Margaret & Brian Cox); and

Wednesday, March 20th (Celia & George Fisher)

Please continue to keep Celia in your prayers for a good recovery, thanks. Donations are invited for this year's charity – Water Aid. The charity's vision "is of a world where everyone, everywhere has safe and sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene." Please Gift Aid your donation if you are able to do so. No booking is needed, just come along.

Know Your Local Church

on Friday, 17th February,

7pm at St Mary & St John Parish Church, Hinxton.

A lecture by historian Adrian Powter: all about gargoyles, angels, memorials, stained glass and hatchments. Free entry, and refreshments, organised by the Friends of Hinxton Church

Linton Mothers' Union

on Monday, 19th February at 7.45 in the Church pavilion

Revd Michael Wilcockson will speak about The Trinity. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Make Lunch Club

on Wednesday, 21st February 2024, Linton Infants School Hall
crafts, games and lots of fun and it's all FREE! We're planning a dinosaur theme with help from the Sedgewick Museum in Cambridge. All volunteers are DBS checked and we operate under the Safeguarding Policy of St Mary's Church. Places need to be booked with Sarah Thorne, 07307 680 526

Service of Solidarity with the people of Ukraine
on Saturday 24th February, 6pm



Saturday, 24th February will be the second anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. You are most welcome to join other Lintonians and Ukrainian friends that day for a vigil and service of solidarity with the people of Ukraine at St Mary's, Linton, 6pm.

The service will be informal, with music and lighting of candles, and is open to everyone who would like to express their support for Ukraine at this very difficult and dangerous time. More info from Revd Paul on rector@stmaryslinton.org.uk or 01223 455098.

World Day of Prayer service

on Friday 1st March, 10.30am at Holy Trinity, Balsham

The service has been written by women from Palestine. We shall be hearing stories from Christians in Palestine and praying for this area.

For more information e-mail at annamccoll3@gmail.com

Linton and area Men's Breakfast

on Saturday, 2nd March 2024

9-10am in the Black Bull pub in Balsham.

Speaker: Chris Rodgers, a member of Linton Free Church and Professor of Biomedical Imaging at the University of Cambridge.). Chris will be 'in conversation' with Steve Munday (after the copious breakfast has been consumed) as they consider together 'My life, my faith, my work'.

£13 per head (full English breakfast included)

To reserve a place, email on Munday5@aol.com

Encountering Christ in Ely Cathedral

on Saturday, 2nd March 2024

A pilgrimage and visit to Ely Cathedral, from 3.15pm-5.15pm appr.

More details from: Events@stmaryslinton.org.uk

Granta Deanery Synod

on Thursday, 14th March 2024 at 7.30-9m All Saints' Church, Harston.

Everyone is most welcome to our Lent reflection and discussion on the topic of **God, evil and suffering**. It will be led by Rupert Shortt, formerly religion editor of the *Times Literary Supplement* and Research Associate at the Von Hügel Institute, St Edmund's College, Cambridge. Rupert will be basing his thoughts on his most recent book, *The Hardest Problem* (2022).

Advance notice

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust

Annual Conference 2024 on Saturday 13th April 2024

The Lee Hall, Wolfson College, Cambridge CB3 9BB

For further info <https://camhct.uk/> or 01353 778129

Chorale Concert

on 23rd March at 7.30pm

The New Cambridge Singers under their new conductor James Potter will perform a programme built around Chorales, which were the bedrock of much music by composers such as Bach. Flyers are available in the church and proceeds will go towards church funds.

Fundraising

Give as you live

If you buy online consider shopping via <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/> to raise money for St Mary's. Most major retailers are in the scheme including Sainsbury and Tesco. Please sign up with Give As You Live and **enter our charity number as 1138508** as the charity you wish to support. Thank you.

Tots in Tow

The Co-op is changing the way we all earn our discount, and this will impact the way they support local causes. It's even more important to Tots that you register us as your local choice. If you need help to do this, Sarah will be happy to help either at the coffee morning on Saturday, or call 07307 680 526, or caf@stmaryslinton.org.

Other Notices

HELP NEEDED

Church Coffee Rota

Do you enjoy a cup of coffee after church? If so, would you like to join the coffee Rota? With more volunteers, I would aim to rota you on once a month or less.

Please see Charlotte Dodd for more details
or events@stmaryslinton.org.uk

Would you like to experience a Tots session?

Contact Sarah if you would be interested in coming as a visitor, or maybe join the team. We run sessions every Wednesday during term time, in the village hall 9.30-11am.

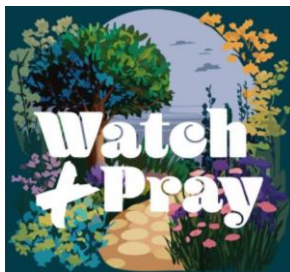
Floodwatch

Many of you can remember the last time the church was flooded. Twice in the last month, the river has risen to nearly the same level as when the flooding occurred. When this happens, we get a message from Floodline that this is a possibility, we look at the river and the weather and alert volunteers to the possible need for action using WhatsApp. If necessary, we move furniture into the pavilion and make the electrics safe. If you can help to prepare the church for such an emergency please let David Watts know (david.watts@stmaryslinton.org.uk).

Do you have a new email/phone number?

Please let Elena, admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk, know and copy in molly.warrington@stmaryslinton.org.uk so the newsletter mailing list and your church records can be updated for GDPR. Thank you.

LENT IN THE LINTON PARISHES 2024



The Church of England's Lent theme for 2024 is ***Watch and Pray: Wisdom and hope for Lent and life.***

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus kneels in darkness in the Garden of Gethsemane. Though he pleads with his disciples, "Stay here with me ... Watch and pray," they all fall asleep, leaving him alone in his hour of deepest suffering.

This Lent all of us are encouraged to draw on the wisdom of Black Spirituality, particularly the practice of "tarrying" (waiting) as a community to draw closer to Jesus and to each other.

You are welcome at any one of the five groups meeting weekly across our parishes to learn more, share questions and experience, and grow in friendship. Short, accessible booklets are provided to guide our times together.

They take place on:

- Monday morning (Barry & Rosie's) 10.45am for 11am;
- Tuesday evening (Jackie's & others) 7.20pm for 7.30pm;
- Wednesday morning (Revd Michael & Alison's) at 11.30am;
- Wednesday evening (Matt & Catharina's) 7.20pm for 7.30pm; and
- Thursday afternoon (Castle Camps Vicarage) 2.30pm.

Please contact Revd Paul if you would like any more information.