

## Welcome to St Mary's, Linton


Pewsheet for week commencing - Sunday 8 Dec 2019  
*All Age Communion - All Age Communion service sheet*

Sunday 8 December-The Second Sunday of Advent: Romans 15:4-13 (note NT readings for the whole of the new church year, till next Advent); Matthew 3:1-12 8am: Maggie Guite; 10am: Maggie Guite.

**Breakfast** available this Sunday 9-10am at 11 Mill Lane. All welcome; please phone 891806 if you would like to come. Thank you. Judy Nightingale.

*Next Sunday - Third Sunday of Advent. Parish Eucharist. Luke 1:46b-55; Matthew 11:2-11;*

Sat 7 Dec	8.30am	<b>Prayer Meeting in the Pavilion. Cathy.watts@stmaryslinton.org.uk</b>
Sat 7 Dec	11am-1pm	<b>All Saints, Horseheath - Coffee morning</b>
Sat 7 Dec	7pm	<b>Meal and seasonal entertainment at St Mary's.</b> Tickets £12 ( <b>book by 1 Dec</b> ) available from Sue Ellis 892257; Anne Parry-Smith 894715. Or email events@stmaryslinton.org.uk
Mon 9 Dec	8am	<b>Advent Promise continues at St Mary's.</b> See information below.
Sun 15 Dec	3pm	<b>Messy Church with Christingle.</b> See pewsheet notice below.
Sun 15 Dec	6.30pm	<b>St Mary's Shudy Camps Christmas Concert.</b> Yvonne Howard - Mezzo Soprano Peter O'Conner- Flute Jane Davenport – Piano & other Local Musicians and Entertainers Admission £10 on the door including Interval Refreshment of Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Savouries.
Mon 16 Dec	7pm	<b>Mothers' Union Bring &amp; Share Christmas Social. Pavilion. 7pm start.</b>
Thurs 19 Dec	6pm	<b>Heights Junior School Carol Service at St Mary's.</b>
Sun 22 Dec	10am	<b>Together with God - Toy Service.</b> Toys for the Women's Aid Centre for Christmas. Please bring wrapped toys (new or in good condition), labelled for a boy or girl and with approximate age. Cathy.watts@stmaryslinton.org.uk or Nicola njmcollard@gmail.com



**Use the QR code on the left to donate to St Mary's using your mobile phone.**

On most mobile phones simply use your camera to scan the code and you will be taken to the thyngs website where you can make a donation and add gift aid.

**Stop Press: Friday, 6 December 3-6pm St Nicholas Day Fair - Abington Institute.**

**Christmas services at St Mary's** - look out for posters and fliers proclaiming "Follow the Star", which will be available shortly. The information is on A Church Near You website <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/> There will also be a link to this website from <https://www.stmaryslinton.org.uk/>.

**Advent Promise.** 20 minutes a day with God. Short Morning Prayer with reflection from Monday – Thursday in church at 8am and Friday in the Pavilion (Friday followed by toast, croissants and hot drinks). The order of service will be on the website (search for Advent Promise). For those who cannot join us in church let us know that you are praying along with us at home. David Parry-Smith

**Advent Book Group.** Maggie has decided to read *Journey to the Manger*, by Paula Gooder, a New Testament scholar and popular speaker. We meet on Thursdays 5, 12 & 19 December at 8pm in the Rectory. See fliers in church. Please let Maggie know soonest if you would like to join her even if you can only join in one or two of the group discussions.

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**My Advent Stir-up Challenge Calendar** beautifully created by Nicola Collard is available to download using the link below or from the website. Or <https://tinyurl.com/stir-up-challenge>

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[Advent Calendar - click here for online version.](#)

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**Messy Church on 15th December is the village Christingle and we will be collecting for The Children's Society.** Please spread the invitation – everyone welcome. You don't have to bring a child! A few things we would appreciate your help with: approx. 50 biscuits baked for an activity; orange food colouring; the loan of a couple of apple corers; a gazebo and any excess tinsel (can be short pieces). Thank you! Offers please to Sarah [sarah.thorne@stmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:sarah.thorne@stmaryslinton.org.uk) or 891952

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**Annual reminder about the Bible Reading Fellowship Notes for Bible Study (re-ordered for the year in January.)** The Bible Reading Fellowship provides a variety of Reading Notes on a wide range of subjects and suitable for all levels of understanding. They are designed for individual private study at home. If you would like to learn more about the Bible, I have sample copies of the material and would be glad to show them to anyone interested. Judy Nightingale 01223 891806.

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Are you willing to do a **flower arrangement for Christmas?** Thank you. [lian.watkin@btinternet.com](mailto:lian.watkin@btinternet.com)

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**Linton Community Christmas Day Lunch. St Mary's Pavilion.** Tickets £5. Contact Judy Phipps 892241.

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**Events' Committee programme 2019-2020. Further updates added including Film evening and Pudding evening and some changes made.** Please see posters and fliers.

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**Scarecrow Festival calendars 2020.** A limited number now available showing a selection of the "Book characters" from this year's Linton Scarecrow Festival. Price £7. Proceeds to St Mary's. Sign up on the list at the back of church or contact Anne Parry-Smith. [admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk)

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**Haverhill Foodbank. Urgently needed single and double duvets and pillows.** We'd prefer new duvets and pillows, for hygiene reasons, but can accept lightly used duvets (not pillows) so long as they have been washed first. Drop them in to our Resource Centre or office - details of where we are and opening hours are on the website [www.reachhaverhill.org.uk](http://www.reachhaverhill.org.uk) **Also info on sponsoring Christmas Hampers.**

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**Everyday Faith - A theological reflection on the whole church serving God's mission. Setting God's People Free. A Diocesan Study day at: Over Conference & Community Centre, The Doles, Over, Cambs CB24 5NW Tuesday 21st January 2020 - 10am to 3.30pm** (Refreshments on arrival at 9.30am and lunch provided) Everyone Welcome! Book your place: [ministry@elydiocese.org](mailto:ministry@elydiocese.org)

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**Would you consider being part of a 'Kairos' mission team in Littlehey Prison, near Huntingdon?** No specific or professional qualifications needed - just love for Jesus and for people who are lost, listening skills, and availability Please read the poster on the blue noticeboard inside the church door and if possible, give it your prayerful consideration. Maggie.

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**Saffron Walden Lions' Club appliance loan service** providing wheelchairs, commodes, toilet seat raises, walking frames, crutches & other helpful items at Saffron Walden Community Hospital Radwinter Road. Arrange a loan of equipment on 07761 602 678. You will be contacted to discuss your needs and arrangements for collection. No charge for equipment loan but donations welcome. The local Lion representative is Derek Lockstone 01223 891931.

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**Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to the appeal for money to buy Christmas story books for our church toddler group, Tots in Tow.** We were overwhelmed by your generosity and will put the excess towards Easter books. If you would still like to make a donation, it's not too late and Cathy Watts or Sarah Thorne will be pleased to receive any money.

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**PCC Meeting Dates for 2020:** Mon 13 Jan, Thurs 12 Mar.

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**To add to the pewsheets, or to receive it by email, contact Anne:** [admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk).  
**Information for pewsheets to be received by 11am Thursday.**

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