



## Welcome to St Mary's, Linton

### Pewsheets for weeks commencing - Sunday 22 & Sunday 29 December 2019

**Sunday 22 December** - The Fourth Sunday of Advent. Romans 1:1-7 (note NT readings for the whole of the new church year, till next Advent); Matthew 1:18-25.

8am: Ian Fisher; 10am: Together with God: Cathy Watts & Nicola Collard.

**Sunday, 29 December** - The First Sunday of Christmas. Parish Eucharist. Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]; John 1:1-14.

**Sunday, 5 January 2020** - Epiphany. Please note incense will be used at the 10am service.

Sun 22 Dec	10am	<b>Together with God - Toy Service.</b> Toys for the Women's Aid Centre for Christmas. Please bring wrapped toys, labelled for a boy or girl and with approximate age. The Women's Refuge specifically asks that donated toys should be NEW and NOT SECOND-HAND, however good the condition. It is important traumatised families do not feel they are being given hand-me-downs. Thank you. Cathy.watts@stmaryslinton.org.uk or Nicola njmcollard@gmail.com
Sun 22 Dec	6pm	<b>Carol Service.</b> A Service of readings and carols with St Mary's Choir. Mulled wine and mince pies.
Tues 24 Dec	2-4pm 4pm 11pm	<b>Carol singing outside Dog &amp; Duck.</b> See notice below re collection.. <b>Crib Service at St Mary's.</b> Refreshments available beforehand. <b>Midnight Eucharist.</b>
Wed 25 Dec	8am 10am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> <b>All Age Festival Eucharist.</b> Children bring a present they have received.
Wed 25 Dec	12 for 12.30pm	Linton Community Christmas Day Lunch. St Mary's Pavilion. <b>Tickets £5. Contact Judy Phipps 892241.</b>
Tues 31 Dec	8pm	<b>New Year's Eve Party. Pavilion.</b> Food, games, bells & fizz at midnight to welcome in 2020. Bring a dish to share and a bottle. Also a small wrapped gift for the Reverse Secret Santa. Tickets £3 from Sue Ellis or Pam Richardson.
Sat 4 Jan	10.30am - 12noon	<b>Friends of St Mary's - New Year Coffee morning in the Pavilion.</b> Bring & Buy and Raffle. All welcome.
Sun 5 Jan	4.15- 5.45pm	<b>St Mary's Youth Group. This month meeting at Michael Wilcockson's, Queen's House, 16 High St, Linton CB21 4HS.</b> Candle making. in February SMYG will be attending and taking part in the Team Evensong for Candlemas. Back to the Pavilion in March.



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Have you considered your hourly wage, pension or income and compared it to your weekly giving? Is our giving realistic as we move into 2020?

**Prayer for the sick:** The list of those we pray for will be refreshed on the 1st Sunday every month.

Please ensure you put names of those to be prayed for on the clipboard sheet in church in the preceding week. Of course, other names can be added at any point in the month.

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Thank you to everyone who worked to hard to make **the meal on 7 December** a success and thank you to all who came along to make the evening such a happy occasion. The total raised for St Mary's is £636.53 which includes the raffle(£97). Sue Ellis (For Events Committee)

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**Carols for Christian Aid 2-4pm on 24 December.** We are raising money for this year's Christmas Appeal which focuses on making the most of women's God-given gifts to raise them out of poverty. For more information please go to: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas-appeal> Enthusiasm and a desire to participate are the only qualifications. All welcome!

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**Christmas services at St Mary's** - look out for posters and fliers proclaiming "Follow the Star", which will be available shortly. Also 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/>.

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**Singers for Christmas services. We are always pleased to welcome additional singers.** Please contact David Parry-Smith [dom@stmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:dom@stmaryslinton.org.uk) or 894715 if you would like to sing at the Midnight Service or at the 10am service on Christmas Day.

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**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 is 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

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**Church Cleaning:** The rotas for the New Year are now ready and are in your pigeon holes in church. With many thanks to you all. Jo George.

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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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**Events' Committee programme 2019-2020. Updates including Film evening and Pudding evening and some changes made.** Posters and fliers available. Information also on the website.

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

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

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