

## Welcome to St Mary's

### Pewsheets for week commencing - Sunday 19 January 2020

**Sunday, 19 January** - The Second Sunday after Epiphany. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
 8am Communion. Ian Fisher. 10am All Age Eucharist. Ian Fisher.  
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1: 29-42

**Sunday, 26 January** – The Third Sunday of Epiphany.  
 8am Communion. 10am Together with God.

Thurs 16 Jan	7.30pm	<b>Ministry Team meeting - 1 Green Lane.</b>
Fri 17 Jan	12.30- 2.30pm	<b>Rooted. First session meets. A gathering of adults &amp; children exploring life &amp; faith.</b> Activity Room, Children & Family Centre (next to Linton Library). see info below.
Sat 18 Jan	9am 10.30am	<b>PAT testing - Pavilion. See info below.</b> <b>PAT testing - Church.</b>
Sat 18 Jan	10.30am- 12noon	<b>Linton Mystery Play read through/auditions. Pavilion.</b> Linton's version of the Mediaeval Noah Play reworked by Maggie Guite in more accessible language. Contact Gordon Cummings - <a href="mailto:gcummings@fryartgallery.org">gcummings@fryartgallery.org</a> for more information/request a copy of the script.
Sun 19 Jan	3pm	<b>Messy Church.</b> See info below.
Mon 20 Jan	7.15pm	<b>Mother's Union. Nichols Court. Please note venue &amp; earlier start time.</b>
Tues 28 Jan	7.30pm	<b>Space for the Spirit.</b> Theme - Courage.
Sun 2 Feb	4pm	<b>Candlemas. Presentation of Christ. Team Evensong at Horseheath.</b> Any additional singers wanting to take part, please contact David Parry-Smith <a href="mailto:dom@stmaryslinton.org.uk">dom@stmaryslinton.org.uk</a> 894715. 3pm rehearsal on the day at Horseheath.
Sun 9 Feb	3pm	<b>ATC Parade Service at St Mary's.</b>
Sun 9 Feb	4.30pm	<b>Events Committee showing film Paddington 2. St Mary's.</b> Tickets £5; £10 (family ticket). Tickets on the door.



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

**PAT testing.** Portable Appliance Testing has to be carried out regularly on all items that plug into a mains socket which belong to and are used by the church. We have arranged for the electrical items in the pavilion and the church to be done on 18th January. If you have an electrical item at home which is owned by the church, please ensure that it is brought to the Pavilion at 9am or the church at 10.30am so that it can be tested along with everything else. For further information please contact David Watts [david.watts@stmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:david.watts@stmaryslinton.org.uk).

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There is a notice on the blue board in church relating to a **proposed pastoral scheme at St Mary's Bartlow**. The proposal is for a consecrated but unused area of the churchyard to be conveyed to a neighbour in exchange for a disused stable adjacent to the church which can be converted into a kitchenette and WC. Bartlow Church currently has no such facilities. This would allow the church to be used for more functions and activities and to benefit the wider community. Any representations regarding the proposed scheme must be received by the Church Commissioners by 20th February. Linton PCC members are in favour of this scheme. If you would like further explanation, please speak to Sue Mudge, PCC Secretary 01223 892737

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Have you ever wondered what we do at **Tots in Tow**? Two opportunities to help prepare the snacks and make drinks at our church group for babies, pre-school children and their carers. If you have an hour and a half to spare on the mornings of 22nd or 29th January, please speak to Sarah asap sarah.thorne@stmaryslinton.org.uk or another member of the team. Thank you.

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**ROOTED**. A gathering of adults and children exploring life, faith and what is important over lunch with stories, videos, toys, discussions, craft, natter, and a chance to pray. Please take an invite (at the back of church) to give to someone you think would be interested. Thank you. Sarah Thorne.

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**Messy Church on 19th January will be our 7th birthday** and we will be having a party! Please take a flyer from the back of church and pass on to any families who you know. A personal invitation is very effective! We are hoping to build a boat and need large cardboard boxes and lots of prayer!! Thank you in advance for supporting Messy Church in so many ways. Sarah Thorne.

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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)

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**BOOKS:** members of the congregation may remember that - after the last Scarecrow Festival - there was a significant number of books which were unsold from the Book Stall. We took these to the Oxfam Bookshop in Saffron Walden, which as many of you will know, holds a very impressive stock of almost new books. We were very pleased recently to hear that these donated items have currently raised £211.37p, plus a further £52.84p because we joined Oxfam's 'Tag Your Bag' scheme which enabled Oxfam to claim a further 25% Gift Aid. So thank you to all who donated books; as well as contributing to the Scarecrow Festival, you have enabled Oxfam to raise a further £264.21p. And if you are clearing books after Christmas, Oxfam's Tag Your Bag scheme is an excellent one to which to contribute. Michael Younger and Molly Warrington

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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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**A Peaceable Kingdom for Turbulent Times. 'Theology accessible for everyone. Saturday 25th January, St Andrew's Centre, Histon & Sunday 26th January, St John's, Waterbeach.** A weekend of engaging teaching with Dr Stephen Backhouse. <https://www.tenttheology.com/page/about/> He will present on Jesus' central message: the kingdom of God, and its relevance for the way we live as a Christian community in contemporary culture. Cost £15 per person; (£10 per person for 1 day). Respond by 22nd January 2020, stating if you plan to attend on both days or just on the Saturday or on the Sunday - [revpbutler@gmail.com](mailto:revpbutler@gmail.com)

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**PCC Meeting Dates for 2020:** 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.**