

Welcome to St Mary's

Pewsheets for week commencing - Sunday 22 March 2020

Following the recommendations of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, all services of worship and other meetings at St Mary's, Linton have been put on hold for the time being.

Please look at the website www.stmaryslinton.org.uk for the service for

Sunday, 22 March – The Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday.

Flowers for Mothering Sunday. If anyone can give small flowers and greenery (especially Rosemary) to supplement the daffodils we shall buy, please bring to church on **Friday (20 March) or Saturday morning (21 March)**. There will be buckets for them.

On **Mothering Sunday** (March 22nd), **posies of flowers** will be blessed and available in church from 10 am, for anyone to collect and give to someone who would appreciate them.

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.

GDPR form – if you have not done this, we would like to have email and phone contact so we can offer pastoral care and keep the church connected at this difficult time. GDPR forms can be found on the table inside the church door. Please return forms to Anne Parry-Smith in the “P” pigeonhole. Maggie

Revision of the Electoral Roll: Please can you ensure that you sign up for the electoral roll, if you have not already done so, by the end of March so that the revised roll can be displayed for two weeks before the APCM as required by diocesan regulations. Forms in church or contact Pam Richardson.

Nichols Court. Pam Latimer emailed to let us know Nichols Court now closed to non-essential visitors.

Lent Lunches – Regrettably the Lent Lunches at 9 Mill Lane on 25 March and in the Pavilion on 1 April will not take place. Celia Fisher has sent the following message:

“The MNDA is in such great need, now that their fund-raising events have been postponed. So, if you have attended a Lent Lunch and have not already filled in a Gift Aid Forms (if appropriate), please could you do so. Phone 893839 to request a form and leave your address. Return the form to 37 Back Rd, before 1 April or leave in “F” pigeonhole. The total raised will be announced in due course. Thank you

Deanery Fair due to be held on Saturday, 21 March – postponed until Saturday, 10 October.

Passiontide Promise – Further information next week about how this will be celebrated.

Sunday, 3 May. Bartlow 3 Counties Charity Walk. Message from Duncan Ogilvy: With great regret, we have bowed to the inevitable and postponed the 17th Bartlow Walk until next year. The safety of our walkers and the many volunteers who come out to help each year must be paramount, and it would have been foolhardy to go against the latest Government advice.

Next year's walk will be on the usual first Sunday in May - 2nd May 2021. Please put the date in your diaries now!

Flowers in church are suspended till further notice With thanks Lian

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). I am collecting photographs to illustrate the life and activities of St Mary's to be shown at the APCM on 26th April - or maybe later, if we are still unable to meet. Please could you send photos to me by the end of March, mudges.linton@btinternet.com Reports for the APCM booklet are also required by the same date.

There are several **vacancies on the PCC** as a number of people have to retire at the end of their term of office. Please consider whether you might volunteer to serve the life of the church in this way and contact me for more details. Sue Mudge 01223 892737

Maurice Smith has a cataract eye operation scheduled for 24 March. He is most anxious that he gets no infections which might jeopardise this appointment as he is fed up with not being able to see properly. So he and Joan have just taken this decision: No visitors until after 24 March. Thank you for your help.

Thank you to all those who supported the Come and Sing Event which raised £1,100. We are very grateful to David and Anne for organising this event and making the afternoon a great success. Sue Ellis

Ely Cathedral Parish Pass. Please contact Janet Conochie nanjancon@gmail.com if you would like to renew your pass (due for renewal 30.04.20). New applicants welcome. Parish passes are available to everyone who is a member/member of the electoral roll of a church that is within the diocese of Ely. The passes are available for the named pass holder only and are not transferrable. Pass holders are entitled to free entry to the Cathedral. This is for standard admission only.

Church Cleaning- Two of our regular ladies have had to withdraw due to ill health, and it would be much appreciated if two more people (male or female!) would volunteer to take their place. The church is divided into small areas for cleaning purposes- so, not too onerous. Please contact Jo George on 894964 if you feel able to help. Thank you.

Also, as cleaning will continue, the new rotas will be in peoples pigeonholes in church during next week.

Haverhill Foodbank. (Reach Community Projects). www.reachhaverhill.org.uk As a result of the ongoing issues with Coronavirus we have decided to take the following action to protect our staff and volunteers and reduce face to face contact. With immediate effect the Resource Centre **will not** be open for drop in sessions. We will make assessments over the phone and fix a time for people in need to come and collect food / client aid. If you are in need of help, please contact **01440 712950** and one of our advisers will be happy to speak to you. Thank you all for your donations! We have been overwhelmed with the amount of support we have received during this difficult time.

During the coronavirus outbreak, we're still providing people in crisis with emergency food. Your support is vital – if you're considering donating, we're running low on **UHT milk, rice pudding, long life fruit juice, instant mash and custard.** Thank you!

Christian Aid Week: We will be collecting again during Christian Aid Week 10th - 16th May. If you have collected in the past, please expect a letter from me. If not, I'd be grateful if you'd consider it and be in touch. I shall be giving a talk on the 10th May during the 10am service and there will be a preparation meeting on Sunday 19th April following the 10am service. All are welcome and it's a good way to learn more. Many thanks. Pam Richardson

Advance notice – Flower Festival All Saints, Castle Camps. Friday 8 – Sunday 10 May. Theme VE.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Lindi Kent lindi.allen@pan-global.co.uk

Advance notice - Pilgrimage from Ely to Bury St Edmund's, May 2020 - to celebrate the millennial year of the Abbey of St Edmund. See noticeboard. St Benets-Bury Pilgrimage (the Ely-Bury route is now full!)

Advance notice - Summer activity club. Potential dates: Wednesdays July 22, 29, Aug 5, 12, 19, 26

If you can help, please let Sarah Thorne know any dates you may be available, and what role you feel you could take. This will be the third annual activity club. We aim to make Bible stories the theme for this year's club. sarah.thorne@stmaryslinton.org.uk

To add to the pewsheets, or to receive it by email, contact Anne: admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk.

Information for pewsheets to be received by 11am Thursday.