



Welcome to St Mary's

Pewsheets for weeks commencing – Sunday 12 & 19 April 2020

Following the recommendations of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York on 23 March 2020, all services of worship and other meetings at St Mary's, Linton have been put on hold for the time being and the church is no longer open.

Please look at the website www.stmaryslinton.org.uk for the services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Low Sunday (19 April).

There are additional prayer resources, a Parish prayer board and other information including resources for children on the website which is being constantly updated.

Passiontide Promise – Daily Morning Prayer is continuing into Holy Week finishing on Holy Saturday (11 April). The order of service is available on the website under the "worship" tab. David Parry-Smith is hosting a Zoom video call, or just audio if you prefer, at 8am on weekdays to pray the service. We have 8 people joining in this prayer at the moment. If you would like to join in please email

david.parry-smith@stmaryslinton.org.uk so that he can send details for the Zoom conference.

Paper copies of the service have been distributed. If you need one, let David know.

Prayer for the sick: If you would like special subjects for prayer and thanksgiving mentioned in our prayers, please leave a message on the rector's phone 890273 or email

admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk with your prayer request for the website Parish Prayer Board.

Easter Sunday 'altars' or worship spaces. If you have a picture you would like to send, please email admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk and we will make a gallery of them on the website.

Virtual Worship on Easter Day. To prepare for worship on Easter Day, please find two or three pieces of music on CD, your play list, Spotify, tape, or vinyl disc, which speak to you of joy, it might be a serene kind of joy, or something more rousing. Perhaps you can find contrasting pieces. They do not need to be 'sacred' compositions, or recordings of hymns or worship songs (though they could be), but anything - classical, popular, brass band, jazz, rock - anything at all which would help you into a joyful mood and you could make part of your worship. Have them ready to play as part of the service we shall be sharing. You might also like to prepare a vase of flowers, if you can, to have with you when you join in worship. Maggie.

St Mary's Telephone Support Line

At this time it is very important we show love and concern for the people around us. If you would appreciate a call from a friendly voice to see how you are or if you would be willing to make a few regular 'phone calls please let me know. Tel 01223 893687 or cathy.watts@stmaryslinton.org.uk.

If you are aware of anyone who you think would benefit from a call please get their permission before passing their details on. I will be coordinating a central hub from my home. Any requests made to the rector or church administrator will be passed on to me. If you already have people you are calling regularly it would be helpful to know so we do not duplicate calls.

I am hoping we will cover all members of the church, and all our friends and neighbours in the village. Thinking particularly of the old, lonely and vulnerable. GDPR still remains, so I do need to know any person we are 'phoning is happy for their number to be passed on!

With many thanks, Cathy Watts

The Linton News will only be published online for April due to the current Covid-19 restrictions. Use [this link](#) from April 6th.

Linton Community Help Team

The Parish Council and other key local organisations, the Linton News have set up a Linton Community Help team. This is a team of volunteers around the village who will be working to support you during the COVID-19 outbreak. The team can help with:

Picking up Prescriptions; Shopping; Dog Walking / Pet Services; Social contact by phone
Concerns eg feeding yourself / your family (we have set up a food bank); Other suitable requests
Where possible, all community activity to help people will be co-ordinated centrally to avoid duplication. This does not mean you can't help your neighbours out – it would be useful to know if there is any kind of locally organised help going on e.g. if your whole street has set something up so that we can work together and not duplicate.

If you would like help of any kind, please send an e-mail to lintoncommunityhelp@gmail.com with the subject header: **Help needed**

If you would like to offer help, please send an e-mail to lintoncommunityhelp@Gmail.com with the subject header: **Help offered**.

Wherever possible please contact us via e-mail to enable us to manage requests effectively. If, and only if, you, do not have access to email, call us on **01223 901132**

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. We will be emailing or sending a letter to remind you. Maggie

Competitions. When you visit the Social Events page (under Church Life tab) or Things to lift your spirit page (under Worship tab) of the St Mary's website you will find two types of activity. One is a quiz fundraiser for Christian Aid with a £20 voucher for the Linton Kitchen as a prize and the other is a fun activity aimed at children with a small prize offered each week. Full instructions on how to enter can be found on the website. Any queries to Rebecca Richardson tel. 890921 Have fun and good luck.

Noah – Linton Mystery Play is inevitably postponed. We shall try to revive it sometime next Spring. A lot of work had been going on behind the scenes. Thank you to all those involved. Gordon Cummings.

Update from Haverhill Foodbank. (Reach Community Projects). www.reachhaverhill.org.uk

If you're in need of our help: Please do NOT visit our Resource Centre, offices or hubs which are now closed. Instead, please phone us on 01440 712950 / 01440 268003 or email info@reachhaverhill.org.uk

Assessments will be made over the phone and appointment times for food / client aid drop off will be made. We can help with food parcels and other short-term emergency assistance, assist you with applying for benefits, and give you advice on debt and budgeting. Find out more [here](#).
In the coming weeks, we're expecting more local people than ever before are going to need our collective support. Find out what you can do to help them [here](#).

Christian Aid Week: I am very grateful to you all for being willing to collect this year. However, you will not be surprised to learn that we have been advised to call off house to house and delivery only collections. Christian Aid Week has not been cancelled but we will need to find alternative ways to fund raise. To this end, Rebecca has written a quiz which she has put on the website, together with a link to a Just Giving page. She's offering a prize worth winning! If you have any other ideas, I'd love to hear them. Very best wishes. Pam Richardson.

Lent Lunches. Despite Covid-19 and the "lockdown", St Mary's members were able to attend three out of six Lent Lunches. Each was well attended and a magnificent sum of £815 (including gift aid) has been donated to the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA). Our gratitude to the Hosts and their helpers. These events enable members of different churches to meet socially as well as helping the unseen MNDA sufferers. This notice will also be sent to the Linton News. Thank you. Celia Fisher.

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