

Welcome to St Mary's

Pewsheets for week commencing 9 May 2021



Currently the church is open daily **M-F 9.45am-5pm; Sat 10am-5pm; Sun 11am-5pm**

Services

Sunday, 9 May	Readings: Acts 10:44-end; John 15: 9-17
Sixth Sunday of Easter	8am BCP Holy Communion
Rogation Sunday	10am Parish Eucharist in church. <i>Please note there will be paper orders of service today instead of a PowerPoint presentation.</i> 10am Virtual Worship via Zoom. Registration details on the website. 7.30pm Space for the Spirit. Email: sfts@stmaryslinton.org.uk
Thursday, 13 May	10am Holy Communion. In church. 7.30pm Deanery Ascension Service via Zoom. Details to follow.

New this week

Monday, 10 May—7.30pm PCC via Zoom.

Wednesday, 12 May—10am Tots in the Garden (behind Pavilion). [Contact Sarah Thorne.](#)

Living in Love and Faith

If you would like to join a group, please email admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk or phone 894715 **by 10 May. Venues for groups tbc.** Information about Study Groups has been email separately.

USPG

We at St Mary's recently gave a donation of £500 to the USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel) and have become Partners in Mission with the Church in Bangladesh. This programme is about community and health engagement in western areas of Bangladesh. It includes assistance for institutions and many practical initiatives, plus education and social development.

Do look for more detailed information on the church notice board at the back of the church. This is an exciting partnership and we will receive updates from the Bangladesh Church twice a year. Once Covid restrictions are lifted we will be able to organise a USPG speaker to visit. Who knows in time a group from St Marys may be able to visit the Church in Bangladesh !?

Thy Kingdom Come

Vineyard Churches UK are organising a virtual Bow Down event, calling Christians to unite in a single moment of prayer at 9pm BST on Friday 14 May as part of Thy Kingdom Come. Join in this collective moment, as we bow our knees in prayer, and lift up our communities and nations to God at this time. All who sign up will be encouraged to pray for 15 minutes including the Lord's Prayer and to light a candle at the end symbolising Christ - the Light of the World. Why not join in - as a church (in-person or online), as a household or as an individual, along with many others online? If you are not able to take part, why not consider organising something similar in your church or nation? [Find out more here.](#)

We ask for your prayers for those affected by the Coronavirus in Brazil and India.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) Sunday, 23 May 11.15am in church
Note revised time

Electoral Roll: Important deadline

Every year the Electoral Roll is revised in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, and this year any new names must be added **no later than May 7th 2021**. If you wish to be included please contact me on 894964 or JoGeorge68@aol.com.

It was 15 months ago that we started creating a **patchwork altar frontal cloth**. Thank you to those of you who have returned the completed squares. As restrictions are slowly changing, we would now like to reset the completion date to end of May 2021 so that it can be constructed and shown to Maggie before she retires and leaves Linton. Please return your completed square to either of us as soon as possible, but no later than Sunday 30th May 2021. Many thanks, Charlotte Hays and Sue Filby.

Ely Cursillo Study Day on Julian of Norwich —Saturday, 8 May 2.30-4.30pm. Online. All welcome. Kathryn Waite (soon to be Vicar of Sawston and Babraham) is talking on Julian of Norwich; plus choice of 3 workshops - an art one led by Petra Shakeshaft, a reflection on Psalm 103 with James Shakespeare and a meditation from Helen Randall (who is one of the main leaders of the Cambridge Spiritual Direction course). [To book a free ticket](#) (in order to state which workshop you would like to attend) or email revoliviacoles@gmail.com

Church Cleaners:-With the relaxation of some of the Lockdown rules, this is to invite those who previously helped to consider whether they would like to rejoin our team. We will, of course, welcome any one new who feels they would like to volunteer.

The more the merrier and our turns won't come round so often. We are so very grateful to the team of eight people who have soldiered on during the lockdowns, and quite understand why a number of people preferred to withdraw for various reasons. Contact Jo George on 894964 for further information.

Parish Prayer Board March/April 2021

Subjects for prayer and thanksgiving mentioned in our prayers. Phone the Rector 890273 or email admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk with your request. Obtain permission for inclusion of names. Prayer requests are kept for 2 weeks and take the place of the prayer list in church. The Ministry Team are each praying for several in the congregation so that all those on the electoral roll are included.

26 April - Please pray for Imogen (Patricia Schofield's daughter) who has been in hospital for several weeks. She is awaiting transfer to The Phoenix Centre, where hopefully she can start some treatment.

26 April - We remember in our prayers Tony Nunn who died on 2 April and his wife Karen whose funeral was at St Mary's in December 2020. Please pray for Tony's daughter, Sunny and step-daughter Sancha.



Christian Aid Week 2021 - 9 - 16 May

There is a long tradition in Linton of supporting Christian Aid during May which sees its main fundraising events. In past years we have delivered envelopes around the village, in conjunction with the URC, Cornerstone and, latterly, the Group churches, and collected an average of £2,500. An impressive feat for small village churches but also a great witness to our belief in helping our neighbours.

This year, Christian Aid are reminding us of the even more urgent need created by the combination of climate change and the pandemic. One example is in Kenya. The main problem is the lack of access to a reliable source of water to help them withstand the unpredictable weather made worse through the climate crisis. The weather has become more extreme. Drought has become more frequent and intense, resulting in millions of people being short of food as they are unable to grow crops.

In parts of Kenya in 2020, drought was followed by relentless rainfall and flooding, which damaged crops that had struggled to grow. With no access to reliable water sources or a way to capture rainfall, many communities are struggling to survive.

The coronavirus pandemic has only increased the urgent need for families to access a reliable source of water for handwashing. In Kitui county, eastern Kenya, 8 out of 10 people depend on water to grow crops, for food and to earn a living. Without a reliable water source, staple crops like maize and beans are damaged and destroyed. The lack of water forces people to walk further and further to find a dependable source. Cows, sheep and goats are becoming weak without access to water, and can't produce milk or be sold. People are struggling to cope. Lives are at risk.

Our response this year is to provide envelopes in church, during Christian Aid Week, into which you can place your donations. Alternatively, you could support Maggie's upcoming garage sale as she is kindly donating the proceeds to Christian Aid.

We aren't in a position to go house to house this year but we can all, still, make a difference.

Pam Richardson

[For more information see here](#)



If there is someone or something you would like members of St Mary's to pray for, please send a **prayer request** to the Church Administrator. If you would like to talk confidentially to a member of the clergy, contact the Rector, Maggie Guite on 01223 890273 or the Curate, Michael Wilcockson on 01223 891005

For those without internet who are isolated – Daily HOPE Church of England.

Available Free 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. Prayer; online service; hymns.

St Mary's Telephone Support Line Tel 893687 cathy.watts@stmaryslinton.org.uk For those requesting a call for themselves or others or willing to make regular phone calls.

Reach Community Projects [Read the latest news here.](#) Donations of tinned or dried goods for the **Haverhill Foodbank** can be left in the box in the Tower vestry when the church is open.

TLG - Transforming Lives for Good is a charity you will hear more of in the very near future. **Emotional First Aid** is an easy-to-understand online webinar offered by TLG that equips people to support those struggling with their emotional and mental health as a result of this pandemic. This training is trauma-informed and will help both individuals and organisations to recognise and understand emotional signals and respond to them effectively. It is open to **anyone** in the church who wants to feel equipped enough to walk alongside those who struggle with mental health needs related to isolation, anxiety and poverty. You need to register here: <https://www.tlg.org.uk/your-church/emotional-first-aid>

Mental Health Resources. A new resource provided by mental health charity MIND. Also, mental health services can be accessed in this area by dialling 111 and selecting option 2 - direct contact with mental health professionals.

Linton Community Help update. Please don't wait! Ten months on from our set up, no-one expected to still be dealing not just with Covid but with the longer term impacts. Many are struggling with being stuck at home, and perhaps lonely, and for some this may be more difficult - across all ages. Children, young people and parents are trying to manage home learning, adults may be newly unemployed or with job uncertainty or earn less, but bills remain the same. Families may be dealing with all these challenges. We are working in partnership with St Mary/s and have funding to support people with just that little extra help to cover food, energy bills, new shoes for the children, transport to appointments. We can also help signpost or help with employment, training and money advice. Reach Community Projects have a free confidential debt service. All enquiries are treated confidentially - contact us now lintoncommunityhelp@gmail.com or 01223 901123 or **Reach** on 01440 712950.

Association of Christian Counsellors. This was mentioned in a recent letter in the Church Times. This website gives information on services available throughout the UK.

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