

Welcome to St Mary's

Pewsheets for week commencing 23 May 2021



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

Services

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| Sunday, 23 May | Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; John 17: 6-19 |
| <i>Pentecost</i> | 8am BCP Holy Communion |
| <i>(Whit Sunday)</i> | 10am Parish Eucharist in church. Please note there will be paper orders of service today instead of a PowerPoint presentation. |
| | 10am Together with God via Zoom. Registration details see website. |
| | 11.15am The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in church |
| | <u>Together@Home resources for children</u> |
| Thursday, 27 May | 10am Holy Communion. In church. |

New this week

Nominations are invited for 2 churchwardens and up to 6 PCC members. There is a notice on the table in church for you to sign if you feel able to offer yourself to serve the church family in this way. Proposers and seconders are also required. Please speak to [Sue Mudge](#) or any existing PCC member if you would like further information.

Wednesday, 26 May—10am Tots in the Garden (behind Pavilion). [Contact Sarah Thorne.](#)

Living in Love and Faith—groups start this week

If you have not joined a group, but would like a book (£4.50), [email admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk)

St Mary's Gift Day Saturday, 19 June with a week of prayer from Sunday, 13 June.

Goodbye to Lizzie Bottrill

Very sadly Lizzie, the Beacon Youth Worker, will be leaving Linton at the end of May. She has decided it's the right time to return to her home in Luton and pursue other paths which may allow her more time for creative writing.

Although most of St Mary's congregation will not have seen much of Lizzie over the last year, she has been hard at work serving the young people of Linton both in person and on line, as well as working hard to transform the Drop-In on the Recreation Ground, which the Beacon Trust now owns, into a welcoming and serviceable youth centre. From the specifically St Mary's point of view, Lizzie has helped Michael and me with the leadership of SMYG, and kept us all amused with some amazing games in our online meetings.

We shall miss Lizzie, her infectious smile, and her warm and enthusiastic approach to everything she does. She assures us that she will miss Linton, and always hold a place for it in her heart.

Please pray for her as she takes her next steps to find God's purposes for her. Maggie.

New this week continued

Church Cleaners:-Sue Filby writes: *"Do consider joining the cleaning team, this will help us keep the church and those visiting safe as well as extending a hospitable welcome. I am fairly new to the team, I have been blessed with conversations and encounters whilst cleaning at church, but the greatest blessing has been building relationships and friendships with more of our church family."*

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.

Pavilion Work Party—Saturday, 29 May morning. Meet at 9.30am

Contact [Andrew Gore](#) if you are able to help, so he can advise you on tools needed.

Linton Quiz

How well do you know your village? Identify photos of village features. Paper quizzes available from 22 May (cost minimum £2) from Sweet Talk News, Boswell's Bakers and Nourish (Organic Vegetable Shop) and Nanette at church. There will be a prize. All profits to St Mary's, Linton. Events Committee, St Mary's.

It's time to download the **Thy Kingdom Come app** and join in this global wave of prayer.

This is a wonderful discipleship tool for all ages, with content for adults, youth and children, created to help all come closer to Christ and pray for others during the eleven days of Thy Kingdom Come. All of our key resources are featured on this free app and it is a wonderful and accessible way for individuals and families to journey through this time of prayer. Download the app now! [See website](#)

Children's Resources Every day between Ascension and Pentecost the Children and Families at St Marys Facebook page will post a new episode of a fun-filled TV series for children: the Cheeky Pandas Show. There are free activity packs you can download from the [Thy Kingdom Come website too!](#) Please take a look. For more info, contact [Sarah Thorne](#)

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 !?

Parish Prayer Board May 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.

14 May 2021 - Please pray for Imogen (Patricia Schofield's granddaughter) who has been in hospital for several weeks. She is awaiting transfer to The Phoenix Centre, where hopefully she can start treatment.

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 9am Thursday.