

Welcome to St Mary's

Pewsheets for weeks commencing 25 Dec 22 & 1 Jan 23

Friday, 23 Dec	8am 4pm	Advent Promise in the Pavilion Evening Prayer
Saturday, 24 Dec Christmas Eve	4pm 10pm 11pm	Crib Service Rehearsal for Midnight Singers <i>Readings: Isaiah 62:6-end; Luke 2:8-20</i> Midnight Mass
Sunday, 25 Dec Christmas Day	8am 10am 11.15am	<i>Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10; John 1:1-14</i> Holy Communion (BCP) All Age Eucharist Holy Communion at Nichols Court
Wednesday, 28 Dec	4pm 7.30pm	"Make Lunch" event inc tea in church Bellringing
Thursday, 29 Dec	10am 11am-2pm	Holy Communion Warm Hub in the Pavilion
Friday, 30 Dec	4pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday, 31 Dec	8pm	New Year's Eve Party in the Pavilion
Sunday, 1 Jan Naming & Circumcision of Jesus	8am 10am	<i>Readings: Numbers 6:22-end; Luke 2:15-21</i> Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Eucharist for the New Year
Monday, 2 Jan	11am 7pm	Holy Communion at Nichols Court Mothers' Union Christmas Party in Pavilion
Tuesday, 3 Jan	8am	Scrabble Club meet in the Pavilion
Wednesday, 4 Jan	7.30pm	Bellringing
Thursday 5 Jan	10am 11am-2pm	Holy Communion Warm Hub in the Pavilion
Friday, 6 Jan	9am 4pm 7pm	School Service Evening Prayer Choir practice
Saturday, 7 Jan	9am 10.30am	Parish Prayer Meeting via Zoom Friends Coffee Morning in Pavilion

Forthcoming events/information

The church is open **M-F 9.45am-3.15pm; Sat 10am-3.15pm; Sun 11am-3.15pm**
Please note revised time for locking the church.

10am Sunday service is now on Zoom. Registration information on website.

See St Mary's website for full calendar (It can be viewed in grid or list view.)

The collections taken at the Christmas Services this year will go to the Cambridge Churches Homeless Project and to The Friends of the Holy Land.

Midnight Singers - Christmas Eve If you would like to sing in the choir for the Midnight Service please contact [David Parry-Smith](#) Tel 894715. Rehearsal is at 10pm in church for 11pm service.

New Year's Eve Party 8pm till midnight in the Pavilion. £3 bring your own drink and a plate of food to share. Games will be provided! Tickets available from Sue Ellis 892257 or events@stmaryslinton.org.uk

Monday, 2 January 7pm (note time) The deferred Mothers' Union bring & share supper in the pavilion. There will be the usual January meeting on Monday, 16 January. Programmes for the year will be available on the 2nd Jan.

Saturday, 7 January 10.30am-noon in the Pavilion The Friends of St Mary's are holding their annual New Year Mince Pies and Savouries Coffee Morning Raffle and Bring and Buy stall. Entrance £4. All are welcome

Message from Sarah King: "I would like to pass on my thanks for all the support my church family has given me God bless. Sarah"

Christmas Quiz—Thank you to Charles Parker for producing this fiendish quiz to keep us amused over Christmas and to raise funds for St Mary's. Paper copies are available in church. You can download a full size copy from the website or email me admin@stmaryslinton.co.uk Deadline for entries to Charles Parker, David Watts or Charlotte Ellis with £1 entry fee is now **1 January 2023.**

Thank you to the families of Margaret Jordan, Alan Clarkson and Andrew King for the kind donations of flowers following recent funerals. These flowers are on display in the Resurrection Chapel.

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St Mary's finances. 'Every little helps', so the saying goes – and St Mary's needs those small amounts nowadays even more than ever. Like households over the land, we are struggling with rising bills, whilst hoping, at the same time, that we can keep key activities going.

In October income was £9,730, while expenditure was £11,334. In other words, we spent £1,604 more than we recouped through income.

So, will you be Christmas shopping online this year? If so, a small way to help St Mary's finances at no cost to yourself is through one of the following ways:

Amazon customers: log on to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/Church/1138508-0>. Once signed up, Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price of eligible purchases to the church

For other shops, go to the website **Give as you live**. Follow the sign up instructions and choose 'St Mary's, Linton' as the charity. Choose your shop from the Give As You Live website and you will be taken there directly.

You only need to sign up the first time in either case.

Warm Hubs. Heating costs are rising and as the temperature drops this will force all of us to make choices and for some these will be really difficult ones. We, along with the Free Church and the Library, have expressed an interest in setting up Warm Hubs to provide 3 hours one morning a week each with light refreshments. We need a co-ordinator and at least 3 volunteers. Training will be given. Contact [David Watts](#) if you are able to help in any of these roles.

Energy Costs Grant from Church of England. Distribution to Parish Churches.

At Bishop's Council (Diocese of Ely) on 23 November 2022, it was agreed that each Parish Church will be allocated a one-off grant of £600.

[Reach Haverhill : Reach Haverhill](#) for latest update

Coffee Mornings. Please let [Charlotte Ellis](#) know if you are able to help on a specific day or are willing to make a cake. Also, is there any group in the church willing to run a Coffee Morning on the 3rd Saturday of the month? The Coffee morning in December made £206 for church funds. The next Coffee morning is on Saturday, 21 January.

Pavilion cleaning. As the pavilion is getting more bookings, it will need to be cleaned regularly. We need volunteers to go on a rota. If you can help please contact Hilary Angetter on 01223 892305 or h.angetter@gmail.com

Information/Prayerboard

Parish Prayer Board December 2022

Please indicate on the prayer list in church if the name(s) mentioned can be included on the pewsheet/website.

Sick—Please continue to pray for Ed, Jo and baby Austin who is now home and making good progress (Linton Free Church); Chris Kemshell (Linton Free Church) and his family; Maurice Smith & his wife Joan; Alan Cole (now home). We also pray for Alan's wife Brenda. Kathleen Hopkins. Don Mulholland (now at Symonds House) and his wife, Lorna Mulholland; Colleen Lockstone and her husband Derek; Joy Button.

Departed—Alan Clarkson. We remember Monica, Anne and the family in our prayers. Andrew King. We also remember Philip Sparrow and his mother Michelle.

Contacts at St Mary's Associate Priest Revd Michael Wilcockson.

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To add to the pewsheet, to receive it by email or as a paper copy, contact

Anne: admin@stmaryslinton.org.uk by 9am Thursday.

Vacancy update 6 November 2022 on the website—front page news section on right hand side. **See information on the appointment of our new incumbent.**



We now have a new way of online giving which has a link and QR code. This information is also on the St Mary's website.



**With all good wishes for a very Happy Christmas and
a Peaceful New Year**