

The Connection

Church Services

Sunday 3rd June First Sunday after Trinity			
Linton	10:00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Maggie Guite
Horseheath	10.00	Sunday Club	Judith Jolley and Pat Smith
Bartlow	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Lesley Gore
Sunday 10th June Second Sunday after Trinity			
Castle Camps	10:00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10:00	Family Service	Cathy Watts
Sunday 17th June Third Sunday after Trinity			
Horseheath	10:00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	18:00	Evensong	Rev. Lesley Gore
Sunday 24th June Fourth Sunday after Trinity			
Shudy Camps	10:00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10:00	Morning Prayer	Led by Congregation
Sunday 1st July Fifth Sunday after Trinity			
Linton	10:00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Horseheath	10.00	Sunday Club	Judith Jolley and Pat Smith
Bartlow	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Lesley Gore
Sunday 8th July Sixth Sunday after Trinity			
Castle Camps	10:00	Holy Eucharist Speaker from Arthur Rank Hospice	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Pet Service	Rev. Lesley Gore
Sunday 15th July Seventh Sunday after Trinity			
Horseheath	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	18.00	Evensong	Rev. Lesley Gore
Shudy Camps	19.30	Compline by Candlelight	Rev. Ian Fisher
Sunday 22nd July Eighth Sunday after Trinity			
Shudy Camps	10:00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10:00	Morning Prayer	Led by Congregation
Sunday 29th July Ninth Sunday after Trinity			
Castle Camps	10.30	Joint Service with URC at URC Chapel	
Shudy Camps	19.30	Compline by Candlelight	Rev. Ian Fisher

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Dear Friends,

I always wonder when I set out to write these letters whether I need to be practical or spiritual. It would be nice if I could be both, but the available space doesn't really allow for it. When I looked at my calendar I noticed that there were several purple events. On my calendar purple is the colour of social events. **16th June** is the **Garden Party** at Horseheath. **St Mary's Village Café** pops up again on **23rd June**. The **Camps Village Fete** is the **30th June** (not a church event but still on my calendar) and **1st July** is my **Birthday Barbeque** in the afternoon (its open house so bring something to drink and we'll do the food for the barbeque) Then on **21st July** we have **The Castle Camps Skirmish** at the Church with the Northampton Sealed knot and a Hog Roast (look out for the posters). So it seems that this letter should be practical rather than spiritual.

It did strike me though that the social life around the church is important. The Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956, defines the roll of the PCC 'to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelist, social and ecumenical.' So social is something we are meant to do as part of the mission of the Church. It can't be denied that some of these events are designed to raise money, but in other cases money is not the primary purpose. Even the events that are there to raise money won't be particularly successful if they aren't also social events.

The meetings of the early Church took place around a meal. We know this because St Paul tells the Corinthian Church off for the way they are organizing things 'When you meet together it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. For eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal, and one is hungry and another drunk' (1Cor 11:20-21). This form of shared meal developed into the formal Lord's Supper/Communion/Eucharist/Mass (delete as applicable) where the food and drink is limited to a small piece of bread and sip of wine. Also in the early Church when Christianity was developing out of Judaism there we're great disagreement about who could eat with whom (see Galatians). Eating with other people is one of the most social things we do. The developers of the Alpha Course and Messy Church both recognized the importance of sharing food, which is integral to both. Before you think I have managed to turn from the practical to the spiritual. We shouldn't need a spiritual/theological reason for having social events (that would make us really sad). No we have social events because they're fun and fun is good anything else is a bonus.

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Friends of St. Marys' Parish Church, Linton

Linton Scarecrow Festival Friday 29 June – Sunday 1 July 2018

We look forward to welcoming visitors to the first ever **Linton Scarecrow Festival** and invite you to join in the trail to find the scarecrows dotted around the village and admire the ingenuity that has gone into their making.

The weekend ends with a **Songs of Praise** service at **5pm on Sunday 1 July.**

Trails price £1 giving full programme for the weekend available from:

St Mary's Church — Fri 29 June 2.30-4.30pm The Infants' School — Sat 30 June 10am-5pm & Sun 1 July 11am-5pm

All Saints' Parish Church, Castle Camps

On the **8th of July** we are welcoming a speaker from the **Arthur Rank Hospice** during the **10am** church service. This should prove to be a fascinating talk about their amazing work.

Wednesday Communion

We hold a regular Wednesday morning communion at The Vicarage at **10am**. This is an opportunity to take a spiritual moment in our busy weeks. It would be lovely to welcome you.

Linton Team Ministry Event

Sealed Knot Event and Hog Roast 21st July 5pm

On the **21st July 5pm** we are holding an excellent Michael Prentice **Hog Roast** and a skirmish by the **Sealed Knot** at **All Saints' Church Castle Camps**. We have local people in the village who are part of the Northamptonshire Sealed Knot who have kindly agreed to put on a **Sealed Knot skirmish** demonstration for us including cannons. There will also be various stalls and other activities. Plenty of parking. This should prove to be a really great and interesting event in aid of our group of churches.

Ticket price £10.00 for adults and £25.00 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children, (additional children £5.00). **Tickets available from Lindi Kent 01799 584012**

New Friends of All Saints'

Prize Draw

A regular prize draw is held every quarter with half the prize money coming back to the winners in prizes. The last draw was held in the new school, room at the church on Sunday April 29th.

1st prize Mr. R. George 171.00

2nd prize Mrs. M. Strugnell 128.00

3rd prize Mr. I. Argent 85.00

4th prize Mrs. M. Rixon 43.00

I know we have a number of new people in the village, if you are interested in joining the draw club please contact **Lindi Kent on 01799 584012**

Future Event

On the **2nd September at 2pm** (I know it seems ages away, but please make a note in your diaries)we are planning a **New Friends BBQ** at the Castle Camps vicarage. All are very welcome. **LK**

All Saints' Parish Church, Horseheath

The AGM was held on 11th April with only one other parishioner attending. The present committee will remain in office for another year. The Royal Coat of Arms picture dated 1721 hanging above the South door has been cleaned and restored by the Cambridge Painting, Conservation Restoration. We are very grateful to Julie Crick for her excellent work. It was with grants from the Leche Trust, Allchurches Trust Ltd and Churchcare (Church Building Council) that enabled us to complete this project.

Tea & Chat Wednesday 20th June and Wednesday 18th July in Church from **2.30pm**

Children's Sunday Club 3rd June and 1st July **10am** in Church.

Garden Party in the Grounds of Hartford House Saturday 16th June from **2pm**. Musical entertainment, bouncy castle, games, stalls, raffle tea & cakes. Do come and join us.

Team Fund Raising event 21st July donations for tombola stall would be greatly appreciated. Contact Pat on 01223 892484 or leave in the porch of All Saints Church, Horseheath.

JJ and PS

St. Mary's Parish Church, Shudy Camps

The second St Mary's Community Cafe on Saturday was a great success with over 50 attending. I could not be there unfortunately but I hear a great time was had by all. Very many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to organise the event and supply it with generous, if not lavish, quantities of goodies and of course to everyone who turned up. The event, while not intended to raise funds, showed a surplus of £175 which will be put into running the cafe going forward.

The next Cafe will be on **Saturday 23 June at 10am** in St Mary's Church We very much hope you will come along for a time of chat and friendship and optional quiet reflection.

As I write this, the Royal Wedding has just taken place. There has been much comment about the stirring talk given by the Head of the American Episcopal Church on the theme of the power of the unconditional love of God shown to us in Jesus Christ. It is as a response to and demonstration of that same love that we seek to serve the local community here in Shudy Camps.

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