



## St Nicholas Church Linton November 2021

Sadly, there isn't a Sunday service in Linton every week but the church is used on other days as you will see. On the days when there isn't a Sunday service you are welcome to attend another Benefice service (see next column).

### Clocks Go Back!

Please remember to put your clocks **back** one hour before you go to bed on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**10.30am Benefice Communion Service**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November No service at Linton

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Sunday**  
**10.15am Service of Remembrance, followed by 11am Act of Remembrance at the Memorial Cross**

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November

3pm - Muddy Church in St Nicholas Churchyard.  
Taking time to be aware of God all around us in everything we can see or hear or smell.  
Contact Becky for more information.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November No service at Linton

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November

12 noon - Holy Communion service, followed by a soup lunch.

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Advent Sunday

No service at Linton as there is a service for the whole Benefice at Holy Trinity Coxheath, when we welcome the Archdeacon of Bromley, the Ven. Paul Wright, who is looking after us in the Interregnum

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

9.30am to 12 noon - Community Coffee morning in Church.

### Remembering Sunday

#### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**2.30pm to 4.30pm All Saint's West Farleigh** will be open for people to come and sit quietly and to light a candle to remember those we have lost this year.

### Benefice Services in November

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November

9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November - REMEMBRANCE

There is a service of Remembrance in all 5 churches

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November

**9.30am** Holy Communion at East Farleigh

9.30am Morning Worship at Hunton

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November

11am Benefice Service at Holy Trinity, Coxheath

The 11am service at Holy Trinity, Coxheath will be available on Zoom every Sunday <http://bit.ly/UnitedBenefice>

### Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Coxheath. Also online at <http://bit.ly/ThursdayCommunion>

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November

12 noon A short service of Holy Communion in Linton Church, followed by a light lunch.

### COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

#### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

9.30am to 12 noon Coffee morning in Linton Church. Bacon rolls, scones, cakes and lots more. A member of Linton Parish Council will be present at the coffee morning to discuss any community matters you may have.

**DANGER!! There has been another fall of plaster from the church ceiling, this time in the north aisle, so that area is now cordoned off.**

### **CHRISTMAS at St Nicholas Church**

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December

No service in Linton

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December

4pm Carol Service

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

7pm Carol singing in the Gazebo at the Bull Inn.

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December

No service at Linton

#### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day)

10am Christmas morning service

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December

No service in Linton

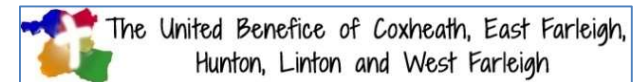
### Harold Pounds

A dear friend of St Nicholas Church over many years, Harold Pounds died on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. We pray for Pat and the family in their loss. The funeral will be in St Nicholas Church. Details to be confirmed.

### Keeping Safe

- Please continue to use hand gel at our services.
- We strongly recommend the wearing of face masks, especially when moving around.
- We recommend social distancing wherever possible
- After service refreshments are also permitted.
- Administration of Holy Communion will be as follows: Individuals are invited to come forward, distanced as far as possible, and stand to receive. The priest will intinct (dip) the wafer into the wine before offering to each communicant

For David's pastoral letter, please see overleaf.



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## **Pastoral Letter from Rev David Jones**

Dear All,  
**I'm fed up!**

Every day I switch on the news there's something else that is in short supply. This morning it was brick-layers, yesterday it was Christmas not coming this year! Steel now on the danger list. The list grows each day and the gloom increases. What a world we are living in!

Someone once said to me the purpose of a good pastoral letter is to bring comfort to those who feel challenged and to challenge those who feel comfortable. To bring a smile to those who find life difficult and to annoy those who think life is easy. So here goes. Decide how you feel, read what follows and then think again about how you feel.

'Hasten, O God, to save me; O Lord, come quickly to help me.' So writes the author of Psalm 70 who may have been the same writer of Psalm 69 who opens his psalm with the word 'Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in the miry depths, where there is no foothold.' Do you sometime feel a bit like that? I do if I spend too long watching or listening to the news. Everything seems to be falling apart and the future grim. There are times throughout our lives where perhaps personally we feel low, confused and life isn't good.

One of the things I quickly learnt was that being told to 'buck up' or 'there's plenty of people worse off than you' had little positive effect on our feelings. In fact it can make things worse at times. We need to realize that we can't always buck up. When our situation on the face of it seems dire, we actually need to be told that it is 'all right' to feel as we do. To shout at the world and dwell in the 'miry depths, where there is no foothold' or to feel that we are 'sinking up to our neck.' The shout for help is real and valid.

It is moments like this that we need to hold on to our faith, to recognize God exists even if at that moment we have no knowledge of that love and presence in our lives. I have a few friends who I seldom see or hear from but when I do we continue as though we never had a break. There is a feeling of a real friend who although we seldom see each other knows us and is caring for us.

That is what I feel God is like. Always there, always ready to respond when we seek him but never imposing himself on us. Sometimes he doesn't seem to be near us or with us.

Don't feel guilty when you feel low and don't know where or to whom to turn. The writer of Psalms 69 and 70 found that in their despair and in their need, God was there and in the end they knew and were able to say 'You are my help and deliverer. O Lord, do not delay.' And knew his renewed presence with them.

May that be the truth you find in the confusion of the time we live in today. *David*