



St Nicholas Church Linton December 2021

Sunday 28th November – Advent Sunday **11am at Holy Trinity Coxheath.**

There will be 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.

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

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING **Tuesday 30th November**



9.30am to 12 noon 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. We have a raffle for an amazing Christmas hamper and other prizes.

Friday 17th December

7pm Carol singing in the Gazebo at the Bull Inn, led by Lorna and Rich Faulkner. Wrap up warm and enjoy the views as we sing our favourite carols.

Saturday 18th December

3-5pm Messy Christingle at Linton. For all the family. Craft, stories, songs and food! Contact Becky 07949 646865 for more info. <https://www.facebook.com/Coxheath-Benefice-Kids-112089254485427/>



Wednesday 22nd December

12 noon Midweek Holy Communion this month will be held at Forge Cottage, followed by a light lunch.

Every Thursday

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

December services in the Benefice

Sunday 5th December

No service in Linton
9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh
9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton
11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 12th December

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh
4pm Carol Service at Linton
4.30pm Carol Service at Coxheath

Sunday 19th December

No service at Linton
9.30am Morning Worship at Hunton
9.30am Carols and Communion at East Farleigh
11am Holy Communion at Coxheath
5.30pm Carol Service at West Farleigh

Friday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

4pm Christingle at East Farleigh
5pm Children's Service at Coxheath
6.30pm Carol Service at Hunton
9.30pm Communion at West Farleigh
11.15pm Christmas Eve Communion at Coxheath

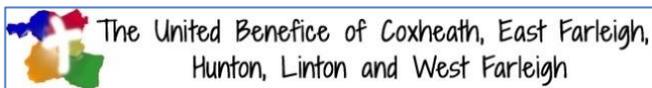
Saturday 25th December (Christmas Day) **10am Christmas morning worship at Linton, Coxheath and Hunton.**

Sunday 26th December

No service in Linton
10.30am Morning Worship with Communion at Coxheath

Harold Pounds

The funeral will be at St Nicholas Church on Tuesday 7th December at 11am. Please continue to pray for Pat and the family in their loss.



Pastoral Letter from Rev Lorna Faulkner

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... The glorious familiarity of the Season.

The shops are laden with sparkly tat and/or classy Scandinavian style decorations a-plenty. Christmas music echoes through shopping centres and we all sing along, never seeming to tire of it. In our house, even though my children are way past the magical childhood years, there are things we have to do, and times we have to do them, and ways in which they have to be done. The kids still open advent calendars in the morning (a shocking departure from my own childhood when we did them last thing before bed! I have never truly reconciled with this new pattern...) and then, in the evenings we still pin the felt nativity characters, one by one, day by day, on to the stable scene my sister made for us years ago.

In the churches we are preparing again for Christingles and Carol services and Children's services and Midnight Communion... All this, every year, because of one moment, over 2000 years ago. One single, never-going-back-now moment. A moment to change all time and history. The moment that the God of Heaven broke the silence and entered this world. What was invisible was now to become visible, as a tiny baby was born. And he is here still. Among the baubles and fairy lights, in the glow of the candles and the warmth of mulled wine, the sharing of gifts and the raising of glasses.

If we take just a moment. To look a little longer; a little closer; a little deeper. We might catch a glimpse of him...

'Come and behold him! Born, the King of Angels!'

As you behold him this Christmas, may you see the invisible become visible, and may you know the heart-filling, peace-bringing presence of Jesus in your world – may God bless you all,

Lorna

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