



St Nicholas Church Linton April 2022

Sunday Services in the Benefice

Sunday 3rd April

No service in Linton

9.30am Morning Worship & APCM at East Farleigh

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 10th April (Palm Sunday)

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

9.30am Morning Worship & APCM at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

Sunday 17th April (Easter Day)

8am 'Sunrise' Holy Communion at Linton

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh
with West Farleigh)

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 24th April

9.30am Morning Worship & APCM at Linton

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship & APCM at Coxheath

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

Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Holy Trinity

Coxheath an online <http://bit.ly/ThursdayCommunion>

Wednesday 30th March & 27th April

12 noon Midweek Holy Communion in Linton,
followed by a light lunch.

Saturday 16th April



3-4pm Messy Church for Easter at St Nicholas Linton. Contact Becky for more information.

St Nicholas Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held during the morning service at 9.30a on **Sunday 24th April** to receive and approve the Annual Report and Financial statement. Churchwardens are also elected. If you wish to be added to the Electoral Roll of this parish, please speak to Roger or Kath.

Tuesday 29th March (and 26th April)

9.30am to 12 noon

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING



in Linton Church. Bacon rolls, scones, cakes and lots more. A special Easter raffle will be drawn at the coffee morning. A member of Linton Parish Council will be present at the coffee morning to discuss any community matters you may have.

All proceeds from this coffee morning will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal for Ukraine.



Sunday 3rd April

10.30m to 4pm Linton Park will be opening their gardens with the entrance fees going to the National Open Garden Scheme charities. Linton Church

and Linton Village Hall will be providing the refreshments on the day and all these receipts will go to these 2 charities. You can book online or turn up on the day. <https://ngs.org.uk/> St Nicholas Church, Linton will also be open during the day.

Lent Groups 'Superstar'

Lent Groups continue

Mondays 28th March, 4th & 11th April 5-6.30pm at Queen Anne House, Cheveney Farm, Hunton

Tuesdays 29th March, 5th April: 2.30 – 4pm online

Wednesdays 30th March, 6th April: 7.30 – 9pm at 88 Stockett Lane, Coxheath

Thursdays 31st March, 7th April: 2 – 3.30pm at Forge Cottage, Linton Hill.

Sundays in Lent at All Saints, West Farleigh

4 – 5.30pm Exploring Ways we can encounter God:

3rd April - Prayer

10th April –Worshipping outdoors

"When will a new Rector be appointed?"

A representative from each parish has been appointed to take the process forward and this group has met with the Patron and Archdeacon. The advert for the position is now live.

Please continue to pray for all those involved and for those thinking of applying for the post. You may wish to use this prayer during our time of interregnum.

God our Father,

you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be his body in this place.

Send us your Holy Spirit,

at this time of uncertainty and change,

to fill us with vision and energy;

make us faithful in prayer and worship,

that we may be true to our calling

to bring new life to our community.

Guide with your heavenly wisdom

those who are to choose a new Incumbent for this parish, that the one whom we receive

may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people:

ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith,

and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

St Nicholas Church – the building

- The decoration works in the south porch and to the west door and porch are almost complete.
- Work to repair the roof damage from Storm Eunice is under way but is more extensive than at first thought.
- The faulty lock to the main door in the south porch has been replaced.

Pat Wilmshurst Thanksgiving Service

An open invitation is extended by the family to everyone who knew Pat to join them at a Thanksgiving Service for her Life on Monday April 4th at 2pm at Holy Trinity, Coxheath. Simply for numbers for catering would you please let her daughter Tish Mason, masontish@gmail.com know if you are coming.

Pastoral Letter from Rev Lorna Faulkner

"To be hopeful in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of cruelty, but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness. What we choose to emphasize in this complex history will determine our lives. If we see only the worst, it destroys our capacity to do something. If we remember those times and places—and there are so many—where people have behaved magnificently, this gives us the energy to act, and at least the possibility of sending this spinning top of a world in a different direction."

These are the words of Howard Zinn. An American historian, playwright, philosopher, activist and WWII veteran.

I came across his words when wondering what on earth I could write to you about the hope of Spring and the joy of Easter at this time of turmoil and fear in the world. I confess I have felt deeply hope/less in recent weeks, watching the news unfold - war, violence, domination, the hunger for power... causing depths of human suffering most of us can't begin to imagine. In our farm communities around the benefice, we have those among us whose families are being directly touched by the horror of war. It is easy to feel utterly hopeless, utterly useless, in the face of what we see.

In the church at this time, we are anticipating the glorious celebration of Easter - a festival of freedom and new beginnings. The triumph of Light over darkness. Life over death. Hope over despair. It may seem counter-intuitive somehow, to celebrate such a triumph when the world is in crisis.

So, let me encourage you with some words from Jesus in John's Gospel. ***'In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.'*** On the cross, Jesus carried the weight of the darkness of the world on his shoulders. A weight that none of us could bear. In his Resurrection, we find hope for life beyond the darkness of the cross. Hope that is there is a better way for humanity. A way that

we might learn to reflect the God in whose image we have been made.

So, as we acknowledge the awfulness of what is wrong in this world of ours, let us also look for what is magnificent. Let's remember the magnificent things of the past; the places and people who have fractured the darkness through history. And let's look out for – and join in with - the magnificent things that are happening now; the people and communities and organisations that are fracturing today's darkness with the light of Hope.

May you and your families know deep and abiding Hope in your hearts and homes this Eastertime.

Lorna

Pat Pounds has moved and her new address from Friday 4th March 2022 is: Southgate Beaumont Care Community, 15 Cannon Hill, Southgate N14 7DJ 0208 8862752 (Care Home no. in public domain)

For up to date details about benefice group meetings please contact the following people:

Children's Work - Becky Parnham 07949 646865

Men's Prayer Group – Mike Marsh 07595 428639

Ladies Prayer Group – Dawn Burnell 435882

Beacon Men – Steve Poole 297144

Mothers' Union – Margaret Poole 01622 297144 or

Lesley Marsh 07814 817204

Revd. Lorna Faulkner, Assistant Curate 01622 439304

Revd. David Jones - Hon. Associate Rector 741474

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Becky Parnham – Benefice Children & Families Worker

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The United Benefice of Coxheath, East Farleigh,
Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh