



St Nicholas Church Linton May 2022

Services in the Benefice

Sunday 1st May

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

Sunday 8th May

9.30am Morning Worship at Linton
9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh
11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

Sunday 15th May

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

Sunday 22nd May

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton
9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh
11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

Thursday 26th May – Ascension Day

7.30pm at Hunton

Sunday 29th May

10.30am Benefice Service at Coxheath
(no service at Linton)

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 27th April & 25th May

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



Saturday 21st May

3-4pm Muddy Church at St Nicholas Linton. Contact Becky for information.

Tuesday 26th April & 31st May

9.30am to 12 noon

COMMUNITY 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.



 **A donation of £220 from the March coffee morning was sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal for Ukraine.**

Sunday 3rd April



Linton Park opened their gardens on a beautiful spring day to 600 visitors. Linton Church and Linton Village Hall provided home made cakes, coffee and tea and made a total of £2,170, which was split between the Village Hall and Church. Thank you to everyone who supported this, but don't rest on your laurels(!) as we're doing it again on Sunday 7th August!

<https://ngs.org.uk/> The Church was open during the day and welcomed approximately 40 visitors.

Linton Annual Meeting (The Village, not the Church) will be on **Tuesday 3rd May at 7pm** in Linton Village Hall. It's a community event on all topical things Linton, from Highways to Byways and everything in between. There will be a guest speaker and wine! Hope to see you there. The Friends of Linton Church AGM will be within this meeting.

Saturday June 18th

10am to 12 noon. Beacon Men, River Medway Boat Trip from Maidstone to Allington. First come first served basis for the 14 places available. Cost £11 per person. <https://kentishlady.co.uk/self-drive-hire-boats/> Mike Marsh, Beacon Men, Tel 07595 428639 <https://unitedbenefice.church/benefice-groups/beacon-men/> <https://www.facebook.com/beaconmen/?fref=ts>

Soup on Sunday

will recommence in May, hosted by Mothers' Union members at Holy Trinity, Coxheath, providing soup and fellowship for those in our community who might otherwise be on their own on a Sunday, and for anyone who wishes to come along. We would appreciate help from members of the congregation, for making soup and helping out on the day. If you can offer help, on an occasional basis please contact Lesley 07814 817204 or Mags 01622 297144. Thank you.

Summer organ recital

An exciting musical event is taking place in Hunton this summer. Celebrated International Organist D'Arcy Trinkwon will be giving a recital in St Mary's Church, Hunton. Mr Trinkwon, whose sublime mastery of the organ is not to be missed, will be playing at Hunton Church on **Saturday, July 9th at 7.30 pm.** He will be playing a selection of organ music by composers including Bach, Mozart, Mendelssohn and Dubois. The summer evening of music will include wine and refreshments. Tickets will be available nearer the time. Save the date!

St Nicholas Church – the building

- The decoration works in the south porch and to the west door and porch are now complete, paid for by the Friends of Linton Church (with thanks!)
- Work to repair the roof damage from Storm Eunice is now complete, £6,000 having been received from Ecclesiastical Insurance towards the costs.
- Further repair work was discovered in the south valley and has been dealt with while the scaffolding is in place.
- Work to investigate the north and south aisle ceilings where plaster has fallen is to commence shortly, our Surveyor will be preparing a specification for the work.

Prayer Chain

The Benefice has a prayer chain which prays confidentially for anyone who asks for prayer. The contact person for prayer requests or more information is Marian Simpson 743977

New Rector Update

The position of Rector has been re advertised with the closing date for applications being the 6th May with an interview date of the 27th May.

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.*

Pastoral Letter from Sue Elliott

Hello everyone, I am writing this letter just as National Insurance payments have increased, energy costs are rocketing, food prices rising and the cost of living is going up and up! For some of you there is real anxiety about how you will manage to heat your homes, feed yourselves and your children and pay the rent or mortgage. For some the prospect of falling into debt is very real.

If the bills mount up and there seems to be no way out of the debt that you may be in I want to tell you about an organisation called CAP (Christians against Poverty). They have enabled many thousands of people to become debt free and helped many folk with managing their finances. Don't let letters from those you owe money to pile up unopened because you are too afraid to open them. Give CAP a ring for advice and they will come and help you. 0800 328 0006 <https://capuk.org/>



It's too easy to say 'don't worry'; that is very difficult – we are human beings! However, Jesus said, 'Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life?' (Luke 12:25) If we look for the good things in life that money can't buy maybe a little happiness will help overcome the worry. I am smiling now as I look out of the window at daffodils, hyacinths and tulips and birds singing and chasing each other around the gardens and rooftops - it's that time of year!

*In every life we have some trouble.
But when you worry you make it double
Don't worry, be happy!*

These are some words from Bobby McFerrin's song Don't Worry, Be Happy. For 4 minutes that will put a smile on your face listen to the whole song.

<https://youtu.be/d-diB65scQU>

As we move into summer I pray that happiness will overcome your worries and that you will be more aware that we have a God who loves each one of us. Blessings to you all,

Sue Elliott

– Pastoral Assistant and Ministry Team Member

Pastoral Support

Please remember that we have a Benefice Pastoral Support Team of volunteers who are very willing to visit folk who may not have financial worries but need a friendly ear for support for a variety of other reasons. There will soon be a telephone number to call but until then go to

<https://unitedbenefice.church/benefice-groups/pastoral-support-team/> and click on 'contact us' at the bottom of the page.

Bible Study groups

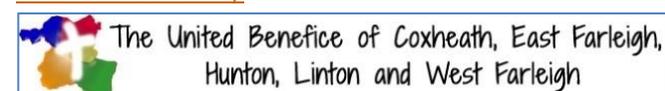
We will be back to meeting in church on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm (starting on April 27th) and, for those of you who would prefer to stay on Zoom for the time being, we will ensure the link is available, resources are sent - and things will basically continue as before! Pre-Lent the groups were running as follows:

Tuesday afternoon on Zoom
Wednesday evenings on Zoom and in church.
And also a small group who meet in Dawn's home. Lorna is producing a 6 week unit based on some great material from the Bible Society which will focus on the time and events that come in-between Easter and Pentecost (Pentecost is June 5th this year). If you think you might like to join in then do let Lorna know. Go on - give it a try!

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
	Lesley Marsh 07814 817204

Rev. Lorna Faulkner, Assistant Curate 01622 439304
Rev. David Jones, Hon. Associate Rector 741474
Becky Parnham, Benefice Children & Families Worker
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