



# St Nicholas Church Linton June 2022

## Services in the Benefice

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June (Pentecost)

There will be no service at Linton.

**9.30am St Mary's Hunton**

**A Special Service to celebrate the Queen's  
Platinum Jubilee Open to all.**

9.30am East Farleigh – Morning Worship

11am Holy Trinity, Coxheath - Holy Communion

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

**9.30am Morning Worship at Linton**

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

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

No service at Linton

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

9.30am Morning Worship at Hunton

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

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

**9.30am Holy Communion at Linton**

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship 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 29<sup>th</sup> June

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

## New Rector Update

The representatives met on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> with Archdeacon Sharon and Helen Dimmock, the Crown representative to interview several applicants. It was a very successful day and we can report that **a preferred candidate was identified and there is now a process that needs to take place, which can take several weeks, before an announcement can be made.**

So, be patient a little longer but know that God has answered our prayers. Keep praying!

## Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May and 28<sup>th</sup> June

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 community matters with you.



## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June

3-5pm Messy Church at St Nicholas Linton. Contact Becky for information.

Have you seen the Muddy Church wild flower garden at the base of the church tower? We also have a 'bug hotel' in the churchyard. The Muddy Church boards around the churchyard are all about Bees this time.



## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August Linton Park Open Garden

<https://ngs.org.uk/> Put the date in your diary. We have been asked to provide refreshments at the park again. If you are able to make cakes and/or would like to help serve the refreshments on the day, please contact Kath (Tel.741494 [cooperkath2@gmail.com](mailto:cooperkath2@gmail.com)) or Sue Whitmarsh ([suewhitmarsh2@gmail.com](mailto:suewhitmarsh2@gmail.com)) We would also like a team of people to welcome visitors to the church during the day.



## St Nicholas Church – the building

The Surveyor has prepared a specification for work to investigate the north and south aisle ceilings where plaster has fallen and contractors have been asked to quote for the works.

## Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June

### Gaia at Rochester Cathedral

Gaia measures 7 metres in diameter featuring NASA imagery of the earth's surface. This art work, created by Luke Jerram, provides an opportunity to see our planet on this scale floating in 3 dimensions. Although tickets are free they must be booked in advance. See the Rochester Cathedral website for booking and further information.

## Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>

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>

## Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> July

7.30 pm Tickets are now on sale for a summer concert by internationally acclaimed virtuoso organist D'Arcy Trinkwon. The recital, in aid of St Mary's Church, Hunton, will be given on the wonderful Willis organ in Hunton Church. Tickets are £15 from Liz Oliver on [liz.oliver@waitrose.com](mailto:liz.oliver@waitrose.com) and Sue Scott on [sue@cheveneyfarm.co.uk](mailto:sue@cheveneyfarm.co.uk) and the price includes a glass of sparkling wine following the recital. The recital will include works by Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Mendelssohn and Dubois.

## Children's Society 'Thank You'

Many thanks to all box holders for your continued support and generosity in supporting vulnerable children and helping ensure that they have a better and safer childhood. The sum raised during 2021 – 2022 was the great sum of £407.00. If you would like to find out more or become a box holder for the Children's Society by collecting some of your loose change do please speak to Jean Avery or Marian Simpson 743977

### **Pastoral Letter from Becky Parnham**

This month we are celebrating the Queen's Platinum jubilee. Given that she's reigned for 70 years many of us can't imagine what it will be like without a queen as head of state. Some people love the monarchy, some don't and for many there is an air of indifference around the whole Royal Family.

In early drafts of this letter I found myself wanting to say things like 'the Queen must feel....' Or 'the Queen must think....' and that got me thinking about how much we know about, not only public figures but about each other. I don't know the Queen personally; who am I to make assumptions about how she feels or what she thinks? There are times when I can't even work out what my children are thinking let alone someone I have never met!

There are a variety of sayings along the theme of walking a mile in another person's shoes before you comment on their life and choices. But how quick are we to jump to conclusions about someone's decisions or appearance? Even innocuous sounding comments like 'wow, look at the size of the heels on your shoes, I couldn't walk in those!' can have an effect on the person on the receiving end depending on their mental state, the tone and manner in which the comment is made. There are so many variables. And how much harder must it be for those in the public eye who often have to play to the expectations put upon them rather than show how they actually feel? How difficult must it be to keep smiling and doing your duty rather than reacting with your true emotions?

Recently one of my granddaughters said she wasn't talking to her sister because she'd been told if she didn't have anything nice to say don't say anything at all (there'd been an issue with friends at school). But if only we could all learn that and only say kind things to each other and use our words to build each other up. In his letter to Titus, St Paul writes 'no insults, no fights. God's people should be big hearted and courageous'\*

Surely this is a message we could all get behind, no matter what our beliefs? So let's all 'engage our brains before speaking' and make sure that the words we use are gracious.

Our Queen has been a great example of this over her 70 years as monarch, always polite and with an encouraging word for those she meets whilst out and about and whatever you think about her we can all be thankful for that.

Best wishes,  
Becky  
Benefice Children and Families Worker  
*\*The Message Bible Translation*

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### **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

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### **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.

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### **Soup on Sunday at Coxheath church**

We are pleased to be able to recommence Soup on Sunday, 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. Please contact Lesley 07814 817204 or Mags 01622 297144 for more information

### **Bible Study groups**

Meet in church on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm and, for those of you who would prefer to stay on Zoom for the time being, the link is available. If you would like to join one of the bible study groups or find out more please contact Revd. Lorna Faulkner 01622 439304.

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### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

11am to 5pm Smith's Hall, Lower Road, West Farleigh, ME15 0PE, will be opening their garden with the National Open Garden Scheme. Delightful 3 acre gardens surrounding a beautiful 1719 Queen Anne House (not open). Lose yourself in numerous themed rooms: sunken garden, iris beds, scented old fashioned rose walk, formal rose garden, intense wild flowers, peonies, deep herbaceous borders and specimen trees. .Entry £5. Refreshments.



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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

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