



St Nicholas Church Linton July 2022

Services in the Benefice

Sunday 26th June

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

Sunday 3rd July

There will be no service at Linton.

9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Hunton

9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Coxheath

Sunday 10th July

9.30am Morning Worship at Linton

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

Sunday 17th July

No service at Linton

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

9.30am Morning Worship at Hunton

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 24th July

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 31st July

10.30am Benefice Service 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 29th June & 27th July

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

Sunday 26th June

11am to 5pm Smith's Hall, Lower Road, West Farleigh, ME15 OPE, 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.



Tuesday 28th June & 26th July

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING in

Linton Church. **Please note new**

timing, from 10am (not 9.30am) to 12 noon

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, 9th 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 and Sue Scott on 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.

Saturday 16th July

3-4pm Muddy Church at St Nicholas Linton. All welcome to come and wander and wonder at God's creation. Contact Becky for information.

Sunday 7th August Linton Park Open Garden

<https://ngs.org.uk/> You can book tickets online or just turn up on the day. If you are able to make cakes and/or would like to help serve the refreshments on the day, please contact Kath cooperkath2@gmail.com Tel.741494) or Sue Whitmarsh suewhitmarsh2@gmail.com. We would also like a team of people to welcome visitors to the church during the day.



Pastoral Letter from Rev David Jones

Memories

Memories – the subject of many love songs over the decades and of course the events of the last month have brought back so many. The older you get the more you have to remember and of course the more you've forgotten. Yet the brain is a strange organ as things long forgotten can be brought back into the memory by present events. Remembering is an important part of life as we learn from the past, look back into the past with sometimes fond memories and sometimes of mistakes made and hopefully not to be repeated.

What is your earliest memory I wonder? Not one that perhaps has been planted by parents and so often repeated as you grew up that the memory is almost real. My sister was given a record player in the mid-1950s. It was so different from the gramophone we had before which we wound up and had a needle which appeared wider than a pin. The first record she bought was 'Magic Moments' sung by Perry Como – It was 1957 and that song has stuck with me ever since and haunts me at times. This past month has been a time for many of us of memories and magic moments brought on by life's events. They have made me look back to times shared with special people and moments which have shaped my life.

There are memories that are important and have helped shape my life since. As I look back so I see the way that things have turned out despite the hurdles and distractions on the way. Perhaps the one constant is not my faith in God which has wavered over the years but his faith in me. At those times when things were hard and dark, he was there throughout although not always obvious at the time. So, memories help us to realise that the journey of life is one of constant surprise, many failures but many highs and if at some stage we have committed our lives to live in God's service he is the one constant.

Enjoy July as you sit in the sun and dream.....

David

Hon Associate Rector

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

St Nicholas Church – the building

We are awaiting quotations from builders to carry out the works to the north and south aisle ceilings in the early autumn hopefully.

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.

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.

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

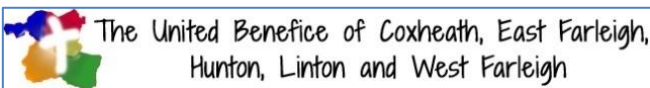
Children's Work	Becky Parnham 07949 646865
Men's Prayer Group	Mike Marsh 07595 428639
Ladies Prayer Group	Dawn Burnell 435882
Beacon Men	Steve Poole 297144
Mothers' Union	Margaret Poole 01622 297144
	Lesley Marsh 07814 817204

Revd. Lorna Faulkner, Assistant Curate 01622 439304

Revd. David Jones, Hon. Associate Rector 741474

Becky Parnham, Benefice Children & Families Worker

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Benefice Websites:

www.unitedbenefice.church

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