



St Nicholas Church Linton September 2022

Services in the Benefice

Sunday 4th September

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 11th September

9.30am Morning Worship at Linton

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

Saturday 17th September

3-4pm Muddy Church at St Nicholas Linton.

Sunday 18th September

No service at Linton

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

9.30am Morning Worship at Hunton

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 25th September

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship for Harvest at Coxheath

3pm Thanksgiving Service for the Reverend Eileen Doyle at Holy Trinity Church, 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 31st August and 28th September

12 noon Midweek Holy Communion in Linton followed by a light lunch of soup and a roll.

Our New Rector -Official Announcement

The Bishop of Tonbridge is pleased to announce that The Revd Lorna Clair Faulkner is to be appointed the next Rector of the benefice of Coxheath, East Farleigh, Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh.

Of course, Lorna is very well known to the church family and wider community, having recently completed her curacy in the Benefice and where she has been covering the interregnum. She is looking forward to building on the opportunities she has had already to engage with parish councils, schools, groups and organisations across the five parishes, as well as developing deeper relationships with the church members in this new substantive post.

Lorna trained at St Augustine's, and before ordination was a teacher. Strengthening our links within the local community, including the schools, is important to her, so that all can be encouraged to experience a personal and deepening relationship with God.

Away from her priestly ministry Lorna enjoys reading, spending time with friends, and is hoping to get better at gardening.

Lorna is married to Rich, who is a teacher, and they have 3 older children – 2 adults and a teenager – all living at home still. They hope to move to the Rectory in September following Lorna's final Sunday on 18th September. Lorna will be taking a break before her Licencing on Monday 17th October 2022.

Please hold Lorna and the family in your prayers as they prepare to move and Lorna begins her new ministry in this place.

Tuesday 30th August and 27th September

10am – 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 10th September

11am – 2pm Coffee, Cake and Music on the grassed

area around Holy Trinity Church, Coxheath, instead of the usual September coffee morning in the Scout Hut.

Everyone is invited. Please contact Sandra Baker 01622 745264 or Marian Simpson 01622 743977 if you would like to help by baking cakes or donating raffle prizes or helping on the day.

10.30 – 6pm Friends of Kent Churches

Sponsored Ride and Stride.

Linton Church will be open during the day to receive cyclists and walkers.

If you would like to sponsor someone Andrew Baker at Coxheath will be taking part. 50% of the sponsor money will go to Holy Trinity Coxheath.

Contact Andrew Baker on 07713 403527

Saturday 17th September

3-4pm Muddy Church at St Nicholas Linton.

Contact Becky for more information: 07949 646865

Benefice Children & Families Worker

<https://www.facebook.com/Coxheath-Benefice-Kids-112089254485427/>

Sunday 25th September 3pm

3pm Thanksgiving Service for the Reverend Eileen Doyle at Holy Trinity Church, Coxheath

An open invitation is extended by the family of Eileen to join them at a thanksgiving service for her life and ministry. After the service there will be refreshments served in the church

Linton Park Open Garden

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a very successful day at Linton Park on 7th August. The proceeds from the refreshments £1,913.42 are split between Linton Church and Linton Village Hall.

Pastoral Letter from Rev Lorna Faulkner

Ah, September. The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is upon us. The month that ushers in the shifting of the seasons... The month I think I might just love the most. The orchards are being picked and packed. The blackberries are warm and sweet, nourished by the summer sun. I may need a cardigan in the morning but its barefoot paddling weather again by the afternoon.

And yet, on the furthest periphery of my emotional vision, barely within my grasp, is the oncoming hint of something else... Even as we soak in the warm glow of the afternoon sunshine, we feel the gentle chill now in the morning air, whispering to us of season's end... The gardens are just tipping over from the peak of summer glory, still beautiful but more rugged now.

My heart feels what my eyes can't yet see...
We know that in September, we will wander through the warm winds of summer's wreckage. We will welcome summer's ghost (Henry Rollins)
'Not so fast!' is the cry of my heart 'I'm not ready yet!' And yet, September still comes, lightly tapping on my shoulder, reminding me that things end - and things begin - whether I'm ready for them or not.

The writer of the book of Ecclesiastes wrestles with the human state – our limitations, our finiteness - and, in it, are some very well-known words of wisdom (often attributed to The Byrds!)

*To everything there is a season,
and a time for every purpose under heaven:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to break down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to count as lost,
a time to keep and a time to discard,*

*a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.*

There is a time for everything. There is a time for summer. And a time for September. And so, as we embark on this new month and wander into this new season together, may we carry the warmth of summer with us and may we embrace the new adventure and joy of the season to come.

Lorna

Pastoral Support

"Sometimes we just need someone to listen"



If you would like someone to talk to in person, or by telephone, the Benefice Pastoral Support Team are here for you. We will happily pray for you, or with you, if that is

what you would like us to do.

Call: 07437 544229 in confidence to speak to one of the team.

If there is no answer please leave your name and number. We will get back to you just as soon as we can. You can also contact us online here:

<https://unitedbenefice.church/contact-the-pastoral-support-team/>

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

Volunteers needed!

Are you being called to spread the gospel message with local children and families? We're looking to grow our regular team of amazing people who volunteer across the range of clubs and activities that we offer across the benefice. If you think this may be you please contact Becky on 07949 646865 or email becky.thecat@btopenworld.com

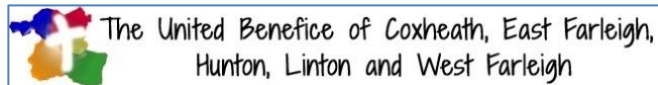
Soup on Sunday at Coxheath church

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

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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