



# St Nicholas Church Linton November 2022

## Services in the Benefice

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November

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 13<sup>th</sup> November REMEMBRANCE

**8am Holy Communion (1662) at Linton**

**followed at 11am by a short act of remembrance at the Memorial Cross, and refreshments in church.**

10.45am Remembrance Service at Coxheath

Please see website for times of Remembrance services at Hunton and East and West Farleigh.

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November

3-4pm Muddy Church in St Nicholas Linton.

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November (Safeguarding Sunday)

No service at Linton

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

9.30am Morning Worship at Hunton

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November

**9.30am Holy Communion at Linton**

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

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

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

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### Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Holy Trinity

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

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### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

**10am – 12 noon**

**COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING** in

Linton Church. Bacon rolls, scones, cakes and lots more. **The grand Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn at this our last Coffee morning of the year.**

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### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November

3 - 4pm Muddy Church at St Nicholas Linton.

Contact Becky for more information: 07949 646865

*Benefice Children & Families Worker*

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### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November

3.30 – 6pm St Mary's **Hunton Christmas Market**

inside St Mary's and along the path from the lych gate to the Church. Some 16 stalls inside the church offering gifts, food and drink, as well as cake and teas available and outside we are planning a BBQ, bar, bottle and other stalls. The children have not been forgotten with Father Christmas arriving as well as other activities for the children. Help is needed for cakes, bottles and teas. Please contact David Jones 01622 741474 if you think you would like to help.

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### CHRISTMAS IN THE BENEFICE

Please see the website for details of all the Christmas services and events around the Benefice.

In Linton the following events/services are planned:

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am A Service of the Word

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

7pm—Carol Singing in the Bull Inn

#### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December

3pm Messy Christingle followed at 4pm by a Carol Service for all. Do come along at 4pm and join the families, who will have made Christingles and other crafts, to sing our favourite Carols and hear some of the Christmas Story.

#### Christmas Day—10am

Christmas Day Family Worship followed by a short service of Holy Communion.

### Pastoral Letter from

**Rev David Jones, Honorary Associate Rector**

Dear fellow readers

The period round the end of October and early November for me has always been the month of Remembering beginning with All Saints, All Souls, Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday and of course Guy Fawkes – 'remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November....'. Not all famous for the right reason. As an aside, I met my future wife for the first time on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

I went to a secondary school in Greenwich founded in 1677 by a man named John Roan. Each year we went to the local church where his name is inscribed on the list of benefactors to the Borough to honour our founder in the annual Founders Day Service. He gave the funds to education 15 boys in the Borough and today educates 1,115 students. There we sang the school song in memory of the great man and also read the reading from Ecclesiasticus, a book in the Jerusalem Bible, a copy of which was given to me by the Bishop at my Ordination. It reads 'Let us praise illustrious men, our ancestors in their successive generations.' And goes on to say 'While others left no memory, and disappeared as though they had not existed' It always struck me as I listened to the reading, who were these people who 'disappeared'? Who were these people who left 'no memory'? Over the years since I have come to realise that these are the people we meet every day, our parents, our family, our children, our friends, those in our neighbourhood in our community who by the way they live, encourage and inspire us Their name aren't emblazed in lights. These are people known to us personally and not in the public gaze.

When someone dies it is customary to say good things about their lives and rightly so but in doing so those people must have had an effect on many on their journey in this world.. What will they say about us I often wonder, what will they say about me? Remembrance ought to encourage us to look at our own lives and how we live and interact with others. What do we learn from those 'silent people' we knew

and loved? Remembrance isn't simply looking back and having fond or inspired memories. It should be looking forward to take from those memories things that will improve our own lives and the lives of those around us. My school song ends with the question about the future. 'What can we give her (England) for our Founder's sake? The answer given in the next line – 'Ourselves we give to England till John Roan shall wake.'

So, this year as we remember let us reflect on those we have loved, shared our lives with and encouraged us, and say 'thank you' and to move on to fill our lives with the things and thoughts that motivated them and pray that we will bring to our world what they gave us. David

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### **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/>

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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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### **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 01622 435882
Beacon Men	Steve Poole 01622 297144
Mothers' Union	Margaret Poole 01622 297144
	Lesley Marsh 07814 817204

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*Revd. Lorna Faulkner, Rector 01622 747570*

*Revd. David Jones, Hon. Associate Rector 741474*

*Becky Parnham, Benefice Children & Families Worker*

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Benefice Websites:

[www.unitedbenefice.church](http://www.unitedbenefice.church)

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