



# St Nicholas Church, Linton February 2023

## St Nicholas Church - Building work

Plasterers have been on site during January and work is progressing well, but slowly. The Surveyor says: "Old plasterwork removed revealing timber lathes in generally very good condition." The drying process in this weather is what is slowing things down but we hope the work will be completed by Easter.

Linton church January coffee morning has unfortunately been cancelled and more than likely the February coffee morning will not take place. Sunday worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays will take place.

## Services in the Benefice

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

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Coxheath



### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

*Each Sunday the 11am service from Coxheath will be available on Zoom <http://bit.ly/UnitedBenefice>*

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

9.30am Morning Worship at Linton

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

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

9.30am Morning Worship at Hunton

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Service for Ash Wednesday in Coxheath Church

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February (1<sup>st</sup> of Lent)

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

## Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Holy Trinity

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

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



3 - 5pm **Messy Church at St Nicholas**

**Linton.** Contact Becky for more

information: 07949 646865 *Benefice*

*Children & Families Worker*

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## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

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

## **OPEN CHURCH**

At Linton's PCC meeting in January it was decided to arrange for Linton Church to be open to visitors on Saturday afternoons from March. We would like two people to man the church from 2-4pm each Saturday, so if you would like to help with this please speak to Margaret Waller (01622 741236) or Kath (01622 741494.)

## Pastoral Letter from Sue Elliott

Dear friends,

I am beginning to write this letter on New Year's Day. It will be another month before everyone reads it. For some the beginning of a New Year is a time for planning new things, looking forward to new adventures to be had. For others, and especially at the moment, the future is full of worries and fears. Will finances stretch to all that needs to be paid for? Will the mortgage be manageable? Will energy costs go up so much that the choice between heating the home, eating properly or perhaps cancelling a planned holiday, need to be made?

By the time you read this I will have faced the biggest fear I have, one of flying, which I know is the safest form of travel, but fears are often not logical.

As Christians, we believe that, if we turn to Scripture, we can find encouraging words.....

*"Have I not commanded you?  
Be strong and courageous.  
Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed,  
for the LORD your God is with you  
wherever you go." Joshua 1:9  
"Cast all your anxieties on him,  
because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7  
"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give to you.  
Let not your hearts be troubled,  
neither let them be afraid." John 14:27  
"Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in everything by prayer and supplication  
with thanksgiving let your requests  
be made known to God." Philippians 4:6*

Fear does not have to control us any longer. With God we can do anything – even overcome all our fears!  
*"Hope and fear cannot occupy the same space at the same time. Invite one to stay."* So said the late Maya Angelou, American poet, writer and civil rights activist. Let us look with hope into the future and support each other through difficult times.

If you would like to talk to someone or have someone pray with/for you then do get in touch with us. I head up the Pastoral Support Team, a committed group of Christians who are very willing to come alongside folk in our village communities and offer support.

Oh, and by the way, I flew to Edinburgh and back. I faced my fear and overcame! Praise the Lord!

Blessings, Sue Elliott  
Pastoral Assistant and member of the Benefice Ministry Team. <https://unitedbenefice.church/benefice-groups/pastoral-support-team/>

## Pastoral Support

**"Sometimes we just need someone to listen"**

The Benefice Pastoral Support Team 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. You can also contact us online. See above.

## **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

**10am to 12 noon \_Holy Trinity Church, Coxheath,  
Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12.00noon** A warm and friendly welcome awaits you at the **Scout HQ, Westerhill Road**. Admission 70p which includes free tea/coffee and biscuits. You can also buy from the popular cake and card stalls.

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## **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

10am **World Day of Prayer at Coxheath** (please note the time change for this year). Our Benefice Churches join together with the Linton Road Free Church for this annual service. The service this year will be held at Holy Trinity, Coxheath, entitled 'I have heard about your faith' and has been prepared by Christian women of Taiwan. All are very welcome and there will be refreshments following the service.

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**The beautiful and unusual photo of Linton Church at the top of the page, courtesy of Tim Gregson, was taken after our Carol Service in December**

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### BENEFICE CONTACTS

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

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  
Children's Work         Becky Parnham 07949 646865

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Rev. Lorna Faulkner, Rector 01622 747570  
Rev. David Jones,    Hon. Associate Rector 741474  
Becky Parnham, Benefice Children & Families Worker

To find out more information about our Benefice and five Benefice Churches go to

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

The updated website also includes useful links.

