



St Nicholas, Linton May 2023

Services & Events in the Benefice



Sunday 30th April

10.30am Benefice Celebration at Linton
5.30pm Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 7th May

9.30am Celebration Service at Hunton
9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh
11am **Coronation Service with Holy Communion**
followed by a picnic on the grass outside the church.
Everyone welcome

Sunday 14th May

9.30am Morning Worship at Linton
10.30am Linton Parish Boundary Walk
9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh
11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

Thursday 18th May Ascension Day

7pm Holy Communion
at East Farleigh Church

Sunday 21st May

9.30am Family Service at Hunton
9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh
11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 29th May (Pentecost)

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton
9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh
11am All Age Worship at Coxheath

Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Holy Trinity
Coxheath an online <http://bit.ly/ThursdayCommunion>

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

Monday 8th May

12 noon onwards - Coronation Celebration Barbecue
for Linton residents and friends in Linton Churchyard

Sunday 14th May

10.30am 20th Linton Parish Boundary Walk on
this Rogation Sunday, from Linton Church, and
walking around the boundary with a half-way stop
at the Stile Bridge Inn. This is an old tradition we
are trying hard to keep going, so please do come
and show your support, if you can. (The
appropriate 20th anniversary gift is china, so I'm
told!). The walk is about seven miles, some of it on
private land. More details available if needed from
Jerry Whitmarsh, lintonwalkers1@gmail.com

Tuesday 16th May

7.30pm **Annual Meeting of the Parish of Linton**
in the Village Hall about all things Linton, guest
speaker, drinks and nibbles!

Saturday 20th May

11 am Beacon Men have a Boat Trip from Tonbridge.
Ladies are welcome at this event. Booking forms
are at the back of the church with all the
information or contact:
beaconmen.coxheath@gmail.com

3-4pm Muddy Church at St Nicholas Linton,

open to anyone and is 'Walking and
Wondering' in the open air so
weather appropriate clothing is a
must. Contact Becky for more
information: 07949 646865 *Benefice Children &
Families Worker* <https://www.facebook.com/Coxheath-Benefice-Kids-112089254485427/>



Tuesday 30th May

10am to 12 noon Community Coffee Morning in
Linton Church

Wednesday 31st May

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

OPEN CHURCH

Linton Church will be open to visitors on Saturday
afternoons from 2 – 4pm If you would like to help
with this, by spending a quiet hour in the church and
welcoming visitors, please speak to Margaret Waller
(01622 741236) or Kath (01622 741494.)

Children's Society Boxes

It's during the month of May when the boxes are
collected, monies counted and sent off to the society.
If you're a box holder, please could you bring your
box to church and pass to Jean Avery. Thank you

Brew and A Bite

Tuesdays 10am – 5pm
Pop into Holy Trinity, Coxheath for a free warm drink
and a bite to eat.
3.30 – 5pm School Run Tuck Shop
Offers of help would be appreciated, please speak to
Jen.

Rochester Cathedral – Jubilee Table

until 1st March 2024. A 13 metre table made from a
5,000 year old Fenland black oak tree. For more
information please refer to the Rochester Cathedral
website.

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. [https://unitedbenefice.church/benefice-
groups/pastoral-support-team/](https://unitedbenefice.church/benefice-groups/pastoral-support-team/)

Pastoral Letter from the Rector

The Coronation of King Charles III. The thing that May 2023 will be remembered for. A significant event in the life of our country and of the Church of England. And a huge responsibility for the Archbishop of Canterbury! I am sure this may be counted as one of the most extraordinary events in Justin Welby's time as Archbishop and I am sure he has found himself feeling more than a little daunted as the day approaches. I am sure that King Charles doesn't come to this day without some anxiety either!

And it is this that I have decided to write to you about this month. Facing the enormous things of life - the opportunities and responsibilities that are a part of our human experience? We are not all going to be anointing and crowning a king this month (thank goodness!) but many of us face things that feel huge to us: GCSE and A-level exams; starting a new job perhaps; a family event – getting married or having to plan and process a funeral having lost a loved one. In all these things, we have the same resource available to us that Archbishop Justin has available to him: the presence and strength of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Paul's letter to the Philippians, he urges them not be anxious about anything – but to bring all their concerns to God and try and focus on what is good and uplifting. And in trusting God with the difficult circumstances of life, he writes that they will know God's peace with them.

If you are facing difficult circumstances at this time, or have something daunting on the horizon, may you also come to know God's presence and God's peace with you. We'd be happy to pray for you – just get in touch via our website.
God bless you, Lorna

BENEFICE CONTACTS

Revd. Lorna Faulkner, Rector 01622 747570
Revd. David Jones, Hon. Associate Rector 741474

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

Children's Work	Becky Parnham 07949 646865 https://www.facebook.com/Coxheath-Benefice-Kids-112089254485427/
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

Our Benefice and five Benefice Churches website is
www.unitedbenefice.church

