

Pastoral Letter for June 2023

June, the month when the world seems to appear in full technicolour – as though the polaroid which had been slowly developing and brightening through spring finally reveals the picture in all its glory. Flowers reveal their splendour all around us in the gardens and the hedgerows. The sky becomes a brighter, sun steaked shade of blue and everything just feels a little lighter and more glorious.

One of the possible origins for the name of the month is from the Latin 'juniores' meaning younger ones and it is indeed a month when we feel the brightness and possibilities of youth. But it is also halfway through our year – maybe a time to look back to January and the rash New Year's resolutions you made or the hopes and dreams you had at the dawn of 2023. Or maybe it's a time to look forward to where you hope to be as 2023 draws to a close, are you already making plans as to how you will celebrate Christmas?

We all know that life can change in an instance – maybe this year has already thrown you a curved ball and you are not at all where you expected to be. Maybe your life looks completely different to what you'd thought it would and you find yourself having to change and adapt to a new, unexpected, set of circumstances.

As Christians we have a sure foundation to hold onto, no matter what the world throws at us. From Genesis, the first book of the bible, to Revelation, the last, God promises to be with us, to care for us and to love us. It doesn't say that belief in God will make your life any less troubled or complicated, but faith does give us a firm anchor to hold onto.

So, this June, whilst the natural world is springing into warmth and technicoloured glory around us, why not take some time to pause and reflect on your year so far and, if you have faith, why not look to see where God has been with you, journeying alongside and keeping you safe.

Blessings,
Becky

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If you have an item for the July News Letter please contact Marian on 743977 or david.marian@btinternet.com by **Thursday** 29th June
(The July news letter will be available on Sunday 2nd July)

Holy Trinity Church June 2023



The Early Church: How did they do it?

Sunday 4th June **Holy Communion** **Trinity Sunday**
11.00am Living in Community Led by: Rev Clinton Davis
Readings: Acts 2.v42-47, John 17.v20-26

Sunday 11th June **Morning Worship** **Trinity 1**
11.00am Following God's Lead Led by: Rev David Jones
Readings: Acts 16.v6-15, John 17.v20-26

Sunday 18th June **Holy Communion** **Trinity 2**
11.00am Making Space for Others Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner
Readings: Acts 15.v1-31, John 17.v20-26

Sunday 25th June **All Age Worship** **Trinity 3**
11.00am Love is the Key Led by: Rev Lorna & Becky Parnham
Readings: Preachers Choice

Each Sunday the 11.00am service from Coxheath will be available on zoom <http://bit.ly/UnitedBenefice>

Every Thursday 10am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Coxheath
Last Wednesday of each month 12.00pm Holy Communion at Linton

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever. Psalm 118 v1

Diary Dates

Saturday 10th June 10.00am – 12.00noon Holy Trinity Church Coffee

Morning A warm and friendly welcome awaits you at the **Scout HQ, Westerhill Road**. Admission £1 which includes tea/coffee, biscuits and refills. Cakes, cards and bric-a-brac
Usually members of the Coxheath Parish Council there to chat to



Saturday 17th June 3.00 – 5.00pm Messy Church at St Nicholas, Linton

A fun afternoon for families. Please let the organisers know if you are planning to take your family along so that they can cater for the right numbers. The contact person is Becky Parnham 07949 646865

Tuesday 27th June 10am – 12noon Community Coffee Morning at St Nicholas, Linton All Welcome

Other News and Information

Brew and A Bite

Open on 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 Tobin



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

Rotas – Holiday Dates

Will anyone who is on the 'Services Rota' and will be on holiday or not available during the next few months please let Sandra Baker 745264 know so that you are not put on the rota during that time. Many thanks

Other Services in the Benefice

		9.30am
Sunday 4 th June	East Farleigh Hunton	Morning Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 11 th June	West Farleigh Linton	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Sunday 18 th June	East Farleigh Hunton	Holy Communion Family Service
Sunday 25 th June	West Farleigh Linton	Morning Worship Holy Communion

Group details

For up to date details about 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

Beacon Men – Steve Poole 07904 212245

Mothers' Union – Margaret Poole 07729 176762 or

Lesley Marsh 07814 817204

Giving to Crossroads Care Maidstone

Thank you to all those who donated to this Giving Sunday Charity. £326.31 has been sent to support the work of Crossroads Care which included a £100 donation from church funds.

MHFA (Mental Health First Aid) England Training

If you are someone who works with or lives with young people, understanding how to support their mental health is key to nurturing their self-esteem and development. There will be training available for £20pp to carry out a 1-day course to become a mental health first aid champion. The training is available on the following dates: 16th June, 30th June, 14th July and 21st July. This one-day course qualifies you as a Mental Health First Aid Champion with MHFA (Mental Health First Aid) England. The course will give attendees the skills and confidence to spot when a young person is struggling, and to know how and when to offer support. If you would like to book onto one of these dates, please contact Jen jennyloole@hotmail.com or 07980 784581



Eco Church



As we head towards summer, here is a way to save water! A terracotta olla (Spanish for pot) is an ancient way of storing water in the soil for plants to absorb. The plants only take what they need, and there is no water or nutrients lost.

Here's how it's done. Block the drainage hole in a terracotta pot, bury the pot up to its rim in the soil next to plants you want to keep watered and fill it with water.

Place a saucer over the top like a lid to stop evaporation or wildlife falling in.

As the surrounding soil dries, water is slowly drawn through the terracotta. Just keep an eye on when the pot needs topping up.

Psalm 65:9a

*You care for the land
and water it; you
enrich it abundantly.*

