



# St Nicholas, Linton

## June 2023

### Services & Events in the Benefice

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May (Pentecost)

**9.30am Holy Communion at Linton**

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am All Age Worship at Coxheath



*All Benefice services in June will be following a theme based on John 17:20-26. When there is no service at your church why not attend one of the other Benefice churches so that you don't miss out on the teaching.*

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June (Trinity Sunday)

**"Living in Community"**

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June (Trinity 1)

**"Following God's Lead"**

**9.30am Morning Worship at Linton**

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

#### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June (Trinity 2)

**"Making Space for Others"**

9.30am Family Service at Hunton

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June (Trinity 3)

**"Love is the Key"**

**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>*

#### John 17: 20-26 (New Living Translation)

"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

"I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began! "O righteous Father, the world doesn't know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them."

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

3–4pm **Messy Church at St**

**Nicholas Linton**, Contact

Becky for more information:

07949 646865 *Benefice Children & Families*

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



#### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May and 27<sup>th</sup> June

10am to 12 noon Community Coffee

Morning in Linton Church. All welcome.



#### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May and 28<sup>th</sup> June

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

#### 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.

#### Pastoral Letter from Becky, Licensed Lay Minister and Children & Families' Worker

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 streaked 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

## **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.)

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## **Rochester Cathedral – Jubilee Table**

until 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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## **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/>

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## **BENEFICE CONTACTS**

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Revd. David Jones, Hon. Associate Rector 741474

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

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

