

## Pastoral Letter for August 2023

Dear friends,  
Ups and downs!

I watched two young children enjoy playing on a seesaw. They chuckled and giggled as they went up and down! Watching them made me start thinking about the ups and downs of life.

Do you remember when the late Queen had her Annus horribilis? That was 1992 – how time flies! For those of you too young to know about this, 1992 was a year in which 3 of the late Queen’s children either separated or divorced and then Windsor Castle was badly damaged in a fire. A definite ‘down’!

My family have had quite a few ups and downs this year. How about you and yours?

At the moment many are facing ‘downs’ with the cost of living and mortgage rate rises. At least in the hot weather we don’t have to heat our homes, a decision that for some in the cold months meant heat or eat.

In the early church it says in the Bible that they shared what they had, and nobody was in need. You’ll be reading this letter in August. Children are off school, and some families may not be able to go on holiday because finances are too tight.

Days out for families are so expensive! If you have neighbours, family or friends who are in this situation perhaps you can help with the children; perhaps go out together for a walk in the countryside or to a park and have a picnic together.

Perhaps ask them round for tea: make some cakes, children love doing that, or maybe do some crafts together. All these things might be fun for the children and bring some relief for a mum or dad who is struggling to keep the children amused. When communities pull together those who are weaker become stronger; and everyone has a part to play in this. Let’s all try to bring some ‘ups’ into the lives of those who are burdened by ‘downs’.

Enjoy the summer!

Blessings to all,

Sue Elliott – Pastoral Assistant and Ministry Team member.

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### Group details

For up to date details about group meetings please refer to the Benefice website [www.unitedbenefice.church](http://www.unitedbenefice.church) or speak to any member of the Benefice Team.

If you have an item for the **September News Letter** please contact Marian on 743977 or [david.marian@btinternet.com](mailto:david.marian@btinternet.com) by **Thursday** 24<sup>th</sup> August at the latest

## Holy Trinity Church August 2023



**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

**Holy Communion**

**Trinity 9**

**11.00am**

Led by: Rev Clinton Davis

Readings: Genesis 32.v22-31, Romans 9.v1-5, Matthew 14.v13-21

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

**Morning Worship**

**Trinity 10**

**11.00am**

Led by: Becky Parnham & Michael Cooper

Readings: Genesis 37.v1-4,12-28, Matthew 14.v22-33

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

**Holy Communion**

**Trinity 11**

**11.00am**

Led by: Rev David Jones

Readings: Genesis 45.v1-15, Romans 11.v1-2a,29-32.Matthew 15.v10-28

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

**All Age Worship**

**Trinity 12**

**11.00am**

Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner

Readings: Preachers Choice

### Coffee and Cake on the Green outside the church

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30am – 2.00pm with coffee, cake, music and a raffle. Everyone is invited

### Help needed!

- If you are able to bake some cakes for the cake stall that would be great (please state if nuts are included)
- There is going to be a Food and Drink Raffle and donations would be very welcome.
- Offers to help on the day – the more the merrier!
- Use of a van or large car to transport tables and chairs

If you are able to donate cakes or a raffle prize or help in any way please speak as soon as possible to: Sandra Baker, Helen Gregson or Marian Simpson

Many thanks

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 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 are there to chat to.



**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 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 29<sup>th</sup> August 10am – 12noon Community Coffee Morning at St Nicholas, Linton All Welcome**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September From 6.30pm Beacon Men Petanque**

at the White House Petanque Club, Heath Rd, ME15 0QN West Farleigh, an evening session from 6.30 pm. Cost £5 pp. Bar & light refreshments available. This event is open to all. To book a place please contact Mike on 07595 428639 or beaconmen.coxheath@gmail.com

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 – 2.00pm Coffee and Cake Event (details on the front page)**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride Event**  
If anyone would like to take part in the annual Ride and Stride please contact Andrew Baker on 07713403527

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 6pm Beacon Men BBQ and Bushtucker Evening** at Yalding. Please book in via the above Beacon Men details.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September Harvest Breakfast 9:45am at Holy Trinity** - Prior to the All Age Worship Service at 11 am. More details next month.

**Other News and Information**

**Building and Floor Update** The PCC have chosen a preferred contractor to undertake the work to the chancel floor and the external drains. The need to repair the floor is obvious but the drainage is equally important. We can only slow the deterioration of our Church building by ensuring effective drainage.

- The cost of this in total will be £40,000.
- Our available funds are £20,000.
- This leaves a shortfall of £20,000.

We are in the process of applying for grants but there is no guarantee that we will receive any so we really do need your support!

The Church building is important to us all so we are asking you to consider how you can help, perhaps by increasing your regular giving, or giving an extra one-off gift? Maybe you could also run a fund-raising event for us.

Please speak to Tim Gregson our Treasurer or any member of the PCC if you can help. Tim can be contacted on 01622 741501 or at [timmers@live.co.uk](mailto:timmers@live.co.uk).

Holy Trinity PCC

**Giving Sunday for Young Lives Foundation** Thank you to all those who contributed. £250 has been forwarded to the charity.

**Other Services in the Benefice**

	9.30am	
Sunday <b>6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>East Farleigh Hunton</b>	Morning Worship Holy Communion
Sunday <b>13<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>West Farleigh Linton</b>	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Sunday <b>20<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>East Farleigh Hunton</b>	Holy Communion Family Service
Sunday <b>27<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>West Farleigh Linton</b>	Morning Worship Holy Communion

**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 12.00 noon Holy Communion at Linton**

**Pop Up Children’s Activities August 2023** Sessions will run between 9.30 – 12.30

During August we will be providing some free fun pop-up activities for children in the Benefice who are in KS2 (years 3-6) at the end of the school year.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August** - Cookery in Coxheath Scout Hut. Limited to 15 children

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August** - Music at St Mary’s Church, Hunton. Limited to 20 children

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August** - Fun Olympics at All Saints Church, West Farleigh. Limited to 30 children.

On **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August** everyone who attends any of these events is invited to join us with their family at St Nicholas, Linton for a celebration and afternoon tea at Messy Church 3.00- 5.00pm. Activities, storytelling and BBQ.

Please contact Becky Parnham for booking forms 07949 646865

If you would like to help at any of the activities please contact Becky Parnham

**Linton Almshouses have a vacancy**

If you are single/couple 60+ retired and looking for a place to live in Linton there is a vacancy at the Almshouses. Preference will be given to those having connections with Linton. Further details and application forms are available from The Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs K Cooper 01622 741494 [cooperkath2@gmail.com](mailto:cooperkath2@gmail.com)  
Last date for applications is the 31<sup>st</sup> August

**Threads Through Creation at Rochester Cathedral 29<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

A spectacular sequence of 12 huge textile panels re telling the Creation Story. Free Admission. See Rochester Cathedral web site for further details