



# St Nicholas, Linton August 2023

## Services & Events in the Benefice

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July

#### **10.30\_Benefice Communion**

**at All Saints West Farleigh**

with the Archdeacon of Tonbridge, the Ven Sharon Copestake

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

No service at Linton

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

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

#### **9.30am Morning Worship at Linton**

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

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

No service at Linton

9.30am Family Service at Hunton

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

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

#### **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>

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August

10am to 12 noon Community Coffee Morning in Linton Church. All welcome.



### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August

12 noon Midweek Holy Communion in Linton. No soup in August but soup lunch will be served in September (27<sup>th</sup>) after the midweek communion.

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

# POP UP

**On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August** there will be cookery in Coxheath Scout Hut. Come and try your hand at baking and creating some yummy treats. Limited to 15 children.

**On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August** there will be music at St Mary's Church, Hunton. Create and decorate your own musical instrument and make music together Limited to 20 children.

**On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August** there will be Fun Olympics at All Saints Church, West Farleigh. Join in some fun team sports and games. Limited to 30 children.

All activities are free, and equipment provided, but places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. All sessions will run 9:30 – 12:30. Bookings are still being taken so contact Becky Parnham on 07949 646865 or [becky.thecat@btopenworld.com](mailto:becky.thecat@btopenworld.com)

**On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>** 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 3-5pm. Where there will be further activities, storytelling and a BBQ. Please indicate on the form the number of people attending. This is not a drop off activity, children will need an adult to stay with them. <https://www.facebook.com/Coxheath-Benefice-Kids-112089254485427/>



### Brew and A Bite

Tuesdays 10am – 5pm at Holy Trinity, Coxheath. Pop in 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 Sue Elliott

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.

### **Children's Society 'Thank You'**

Many thanks to all box holders for your continued support and generosity in supporting vulnerable children and helping ensure that they have a better and safer childhood. The sum raised during 2022 – 2023 was £341.51. If you would like to find out more or become a box holder for the Children's Society by collecting some of your loose change do please speak to Jean Avery.

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### **OPEN CHURCH**

Linton Church is open to visitors on most days for a trial period. Why not come along and spend a few quiet moments in the church. Please sign the visitors book so we know if this facility is being used.

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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**

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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Coxheath-Benefice-Kids-112089254485427/">https://www.facebook.com/Coxheath-Benefice-Kids-112089254485427/</a>
Men's Prayer Group	Mike Marsh 07595 428639
Ladies Prayer Group	Dawn Burnell
Beacon Men	Steve Poole 01622 297144
Mothers' Union	Margaret Poole 01622 297144 Lesley Marsh 07814 817204

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