



St Nicholas, Linton January 2024

Sunday 31st December 2023

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion
at Holy Trinity Coxheath

Sunday 7th January 2024 – Epiphany

9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh
9.30am Holy Communion in Hunton
11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 14th January 2024

9.30am Morning Worship at St Nicholas Linton
9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh
11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

Sunday 21st January 2024

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

28th January 2024 – Candlemas

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton
9.30am MorningWorship at West Farleigh
11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Holy Trinity
Coxheath

Tuesday 30th January 2024

10am -12 noon Community coffee
morning at St Nicholas Linton



Wednesday 31st January

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

Pastoral Letter from The Rector

Well, New Year is here again (I am sure it was only a few weeks ago that I was writing the letter for January 2023!) So, what thoughts can I offer you as we embark on the next 12 months?

I see a lot of people through my work here in the Benefice and, through so many conversations, I have become acutely aware of just how much so many of us are carrying through this life: difficult family relationships, grief and loss, conflicting priorities, overwhelming commitments, anxiety about the future, deep concerns for our loved ones. There is no one I have met – including myself - that is breezily trotting through this life without a hitch.

As I reflected on this, a song came to mind...

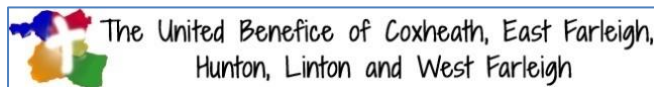
*The road is long
With a many a winding turn
That leads us to who knows where
Who knows where
He ain't heavy, he's my brother...
So on we go
His welfare is my concern
No burden is he to bear
We'll get there
He ain't heavy, he's my brother...*

Humans have created communities as long as we have existed – we are made for connection, and we are at our best when we come alongside one another in life. As John Donne so famously said: *'No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main;'*

At the turn of this New Year, I wonder... Whose load might I lighten? Whose burdens might I share? How might that look? Listening? Sitting with? Hugging? Laughing? Helping... What opportunities might we all have in the next 12 months to walk the road of life with our fellow humans – our brothers and sisters – and help them to bear the load they carry, while allowing them to help us carry ours too. What kind of a community would that be? Let's find out! God bless you all in 2024 and beyond.

'Let us not become weary in doing good... as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people...'
Galatians 6:9-10

Lorna



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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