



St Nicholas, Linton February 2024

28th January 2024 – Candlemas

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 4th February –2024

9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh

9.30am Holy Communion in Hunton

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 11th February 2024

9.30am Morning Worship at Linton

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

ASH WEDNESDAY – 14th February

7.30pm Service at Coxheath

Sunday 18th February 2024 First of LENT

9.30am Family Service at Hunton

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 25th February 2024 LENT 2

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

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.

Saturday 10th February

10am – 12 noon Holy Trinity Coxheath Coffee

Morning A warm and friendly welcome awaits you at the Scout HQ, Westerhill Road. Admission £1 which includes free tea/coffee and biscuits. You can buy from the popular cake, bric-a-brac and card stalls. There are usually members of the Coxheath Parish Council there to chat to.

7pm Childe Rolande Folk Band at Holy Trinity, Coxheath. Chase away those Winter blues by joining us at Holy Trinity for an evening of music with the renowned Childe Rolande Folk Band. £10 which includes light refreshments. Reserve your place by contacting Sandra Baker or Marian Simpson

Saturday 17th February

3–5pm Messy Church at St Nicholas

Linton, Contact Becky for more

information: 07949 646865

Benefice Children & Families Worker

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Tuesday 27th February 2024



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Wednesday 28th February

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Tuesdays and Thursdays

Brew and a Bite at Holy Trinity, Coxheath We are open (during school term times) every Tuesday 2.30pm – 5pm and Thursdays 11am – 1pm. There is no charge but you are invited to give a donation if you so wish. Please spread the word as these sessions are open for anybody in Coxheath or the surrounding areas.

Pastoral Letter from Sue Elliott

Hello everyone, It's February already!

Half-way through February the time known as Lent begins. Lent is a period of 40 days when Christians commemorate the time when Jesus was tested by the devil in the desert before beginning his ministry. It is a time of preparation for Easter, traditionally a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, which is described as the practice of giving money or food to poor people. Even if you don't identify as Christian or identify as religious you can still take part in the journey, which many people do.

Lent is often a time when folk give up something like, for instance, chocolate or coffee. Here are some other suggestions that I found online: *give up scrolling on your phone; give up gossiping; give up social media; give up unnecessary shopping; give up holding grudges.*

Even better would be to give up time to help others. There are many volunteering opportunities or, maybe closer to home you know of a neighbour or friend who is needy in some way, and you can be of help. Perhaps consider giving to a food bank or donate to a charity any money saved by not buying chocolate!

The day before Lent begins is Shrove Tuesday or, as it is more popularly known, Pancake Day. Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast, and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients. They were first mentioned in cookery books in 1439 and the first pancake race was in Olney in 1445.

Enjoy your pancakes on 13th February and I hope you mindfully consider ways in which you might be able to reach out to help others not just during Lent but maybe throughout the year. Here are a couple of quotes on which to ponder.

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Martin Luther King, Jr.
"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." Dr Loretta Scott"

Blessings, Sue Elliott – Pastoral Assistant

A little something to look forward to:

Friday 1st March

An early date for your diaries. World Day of Prayer. Further details will be available later in the month.

Saturday 9th March

We hope to re-instate the afternoon tea event at St Nicholas to be held on the day before Mothering Sunday

Saturday 6th April

Calling all brave Teddy Bears. We're planning a fun afternoon setting up a zip wire from the bell ringing loft in St Nicholas Church for brave teddies to have the thrill of a lifetime..... More information to follow.

Saturday 20th April

Messy Cathedral

1.30 - 3.30pm, Rochester Cathedral

This event is FREE and is for any children and families who would like to attend. There will be activities to include craft, food and prayer spaces, followed by a communion led by Bishop Simon.

Weather permitting there will be games out in the Garth garden area and a picnic after the event - please bring your own. No need to register, just turn up.

A Summer Concert in St Nicholas. The Hartlip Singers who came to Holy Trinity, Coxheath in December hope to come to St Nicholas Church in the summer.

We enjoyed this small group of talented singers, coming from all walks of musical life ranging from Rochester Cathedral, the BBC Chorus, and Amateur Operatics, as well as Nancy Davis (Clinton's wife).

2nd hand book library in St Nicholas

If you love it, keep it. £1

If it's a good read, swap it for another. 50p

Donations welcome

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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