



# St Nicholas, Linton March 2024

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 LENT 2

### **9.30am Holy Communion at Linton**

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh  
11am All Age Worship at Coxheath

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – World Day of Prayer

10am at Holy Trinity, Coxheath  
This years' service has been planned and prepared during the last four years by Christian women of Palestine. All are welcome and there will be refreshments following the service.

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Lent 3

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

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday

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

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Lent 5

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

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday

**9.30am Holy Communion at Linton**  
9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh with West Farleigh  
11am All Age Worship at Coxheath

## Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Coxheath

## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024



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

## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

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



## Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March

**Afternoon Tea at St Nicholas Church.** On this day before Mothering Sunday treat your Mum (or anyone you love!) to a fabulous afternoon tea. From 2 – 4.30pm

## Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March

**9.00am Beacon Men's Breakfast** at the Toby Inn Laight Road, Langley, ME17 3EU. This is a joint meeting with the All Saints Loose Men's group. Contact [beaconmen.coxheath@gmail.com](mailto:beaconmen.coxheath@gmail.com) or call Mike on 07595 428639 if you are interested so we can coordinate transport. Do invite your friends and relatives.

## **3–4pm Muddy Church at St Nicholas Linton.**

A time to wander and ponder God's creation. Contact Becky for more information: 07949 646865



*Benefice Children & Families Worker*

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

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

**Soup on Sunday** in Holy Trinity Coxheath after the morning service and the usual refreshments. Please consider inviting someone else who might be on their own for Sunday lunch.

## Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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



## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

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

## EASTER in the Benefice

We will be joining together in the Benefice for a series of events to mark Holy Week this year. Each parish will host one of the events and I hope we will all find it a meaningful time as we consider the days leading up to Easter. The week will look like this:

## Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

7.30pm Compline for Holy Week:1 at Hunton

## Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

7.30pm Compline for Holy Week:2 at East Farleigh

## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

7.30pm Compline for Holy Week:3 at Linton

## Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March Maundy Thursday

7 for 7.30pm Agape meal at West Farleigh

## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March Good Friday

2pm An hour at the cross at Coxheath



**Don't forget  
Put your clocks forward  
an hour before bedtime on  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Easter Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton, Hunton and West Farleigh (with East Farleigh)

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath



A Summer Concert in St Nicholas. The Hartlip Singers who came to Holy Trinity, Coxheath in December will be coming to St Nicholas Church for a summer evening concert on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm. 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 Litton (Clinton's wife). So book the date **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm**

## Pastoral Letter from The Rector



The year is moving on - it's March already and finally the days are a little longer and a little lighter!

Perhaps you are reading this with the gentle, warming rays of the Spring sun spilling through your windows and the fresh smell of hope on the breeze. Perhaps it's one of those ghastly grey days when you genuinely wonder if the weather has looked at the calendar lately. Either way, be of good cheer! Winter is out the door (hooray!) and the season of growth and life is upon us.

March, history tells us, was named after Mars the Roman god of war. The month was so named as it was the time of year that military campaigns, interrupted by the winter weather, could be resumed with gusto. Now, I am hoping none of us has a war on hold that we might like to get stuck back into.

However, I do wonder what we've put on the 'back-burner' of our lives that we might be inspired to pick up again in this season of new beginnings and fresh starts? Something we were enjoying or tackling and have let slide. A hobby? A project maybe? A decision? A question we need to answer? A friendship that needs some investment? Maybe now is the time to take a deep breath and give it the attention it needs to finally be completed - or, if you're queen of the good intention like me, just starting would be a bonus!

As we approach the celebration of Easter, we observe the period of Lent, when we are called to consider our lives on a deeper level. We take time to be mindful of all those ways in which we might live better, truer, lives and draw closer to God.

The triumph of Easter - life over death, mercy over judgement, grace over condemnation - is a wonderful reminder to us all of the opportunities we have to begin again - embrace new life from a new perspective. As Christians, we seek to find - and live -

life from the perspective of a God who loves us, and loves us with *his* life.

May each of us discover the joy of Spring. May each of us be blessed and re-energised in this season. May we notice opportunities for growth and new beginnings, and may we be inspired to embrace them and the life that comes with them.

*Happy Easter, Lorna*

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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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### 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

## **BENEFICE CONTACTS**

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Rev. David Jones, Hon. Associate Rector 741474

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

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Ladies Prayer Group Dawn Burnell

Beacon Men Steve Poole 01622 297144

Mothers' Union Margaret Poole 01622 297144

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The United Benefice of Coxheath, East Farleigh,  
Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh