



St Nicholas Linton April 2024

Sunday 24th 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

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.

Monday 25th March

7.30pm Compline for Holy Week:1 at Hunton

Tuesday 26th March

7.30pm Compline for Holy Week:2 at East Farleigh

Wednesday 27th March

7.30pm Compline for Holy Week:3 at Linton

Thursday 28th March Maundy Thursday

7 for 7.30pm Agape meal at West Farleigh

Friday 29th March Good Friday

2pm An hour at the cross at Coxheath



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

Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday

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

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Saturday 6th April

2 – 5pm Teddy Zip Wire Adventure

Old or young, bring your Teddy along for an exciting adventure. We'll be sending all brave bears (not their owners) down a zip wire.

Certificate of bravery to all bears who complete the challenge. £3 per Teddy (or other soft toy). Other fun activities in church and refreshments.

Tuesday 26th March 2024



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

Wednesday 27th March

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



Sunday 7th April

9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh

9.30am Holy Communion in Hunton

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 14th April

9.30am Morning Worship at Linton

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

Thursday 18th April

2pm St Nicholas Linton Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Church. Please come along and support your PCC at this meeting. You may be surprised at all they have done this past year.

Sunday 21st April

9.30am Family Service at Hunton with APCM

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Wednesday 24th April



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

Sunday 28th April

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh (with APCM)

11am All-age worship at Coxheath

Tuesday 30th April 2024

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



SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 2024

1.30 - 3.30PM

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL

A Free event, no need to book
Bring your own picnic and something to sit on

For more information contact -
sarah.cabella@rochester.anglican.org



Instead of having Messy Church at Linton this month we will be going along to Messy Cathedral in Rochester Cathedral. This is an opportunity to join with families from all the Diocesan churches to worship together with singing, stories, crafts and games. So please put the date in your diary and share widely as they would love to see as many of us and our families as possible. Contact Becky for more information: *07949 646865 Benefice Children & Families Worker*
<https://www.facebook.com/Coxheath-Benefice-Kids-112089254485427/>

Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Holy Trinity 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 30th 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 30th June at 6pm**

Pastoral Letter from Hon Associate Rector

'Alleluia, Christ is risen!'

May the message of Easter joy be to you all! Easter is always a wonderful time in so many ways. To the first Christians it marked the message that Jesus came to bring; new life after the dark message of Good Friday. It's a message that lives on each year. It comes as the dark days of winter come to a close. The days are longer and warmer, the bulbs and blossoms are beginning to encourage us that summer is coming with their colour and new life bursting out in so many different ways.

As a child the Easter holiday took us out of the suburbs of North Kent into the countryside to stay with our relations in Somerset, Northamptonshire or Kent. We saw primroses, daffodils in the hedgerows and lambs in the fields, the cherry blossom beginning to show. It was all good.

The cycle of the seasons gives us hope. Earlier in March, when I was thinking about this letter, my thoughts were focused on the gloom in so much of life and in the news. Who to believe, what to believe. The future in the news was grim. But now there seems to be hope. The news hasn't changed but with the Easter message in our ears and new life springing up all around us, we are reminded of God's faithful love and promise yet again. The world may just come to its senses, and love in all its beauty and fullness may start to fill broken relationships, between individuals and nations.

Is this really too good to be true? How can it come about? It will happen when we realise that each of us is one of God's wonderful creation like so much around us, and we can show this in the new life he gives us when he died and rose again for us, his children.

So, try to live the Easter Life in the coming days and for the rest of your earthly journey and we will all see Life in all its joy and beauty.

David

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/>

Prayer Chain and Thinking of you cards

The Benefice has a prayer chain which prays confidentially for anyone who asks for prayer. If you know of anyone in our congregation who has been ill, is moving away, has suffered a bereavement, or is no longer able to get to church, a card can be sent from our church family. The contact person for the prayer chain and thinking of you cards is Marian 01622 743977 or david.marian@btinternet.com

Benefice Men's Prayer Group

We meet each Tuesday at 9am for an hour, an informal time of topical discussion, looking at a short bible passage and finishing with prayer. There is no obligation or pressure to pray, just listening is fine. If you would like prayer for yourself or someone please contact us. All requests are in total confidence and all are welcome to join us. For more information please contact Mike on 07595 428639 or email: beaconmen.coxheath@gmail.com

Benefice Ladies' Prayer Group

We are a group of Christian women who believe in the power of prayer. We meet to pray together, sharing our own prayer requests over a cup of coffee, reading a short passage from the Bible and listening to a song. Our prayers are often inspired and shaped by this time of sharing. We pray for world situations in the news, for the church throughout the world and locally, and we pray for those who are in any kind of need. The meetings are for one hour starting at 10am every Saturday, at the home of one of the ladies.



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.

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[easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-nicholas-linton). Just a few people have raised £50 for St Nicholas Church, by shopping online and remembering to use easyfundraising. So why not join us, sign up and help St Nicholas Church for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-nicholas-linton) to shop online with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at



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BENEFICE CONTACTS

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www.unitedbenefice.church



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