

Pastoral Letter for May 2024

May is here at last!

'See! The winter is past;
the rains are over and gone.
Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come...'

Song of Songs 2:11-12

I always find May to be a hopeful month. It's when Spring begins to turn to Summer.

Those of us sick and tired of trekking our dogs through cold, thick, sticky, mud rejoice in the return of firmer ground and cleaner floors; we can turn the heating off until October; the green-fingered among us will see our gardens flourish once more; the evenings are lighter; we have two Bank Holidays in the same month!

What's not to love? No wonder our ancestors welcomed this month with feasting and dancing. It must have marked some relief for them - the frosts were gone, food was more plentiful, less darkness, less sleeping, more time to enjoy the company of others.

I did a bit of internet research (always guaranteed to be an eye-opener!) and there are so many things to celebrate in May! Here's a selection of my favourites...

May 1: World Laughter Day
May 4: Intergalactic Star Wars Day
May 10: Clean Up Your Room Day
May 15: International Day of Families
May 16: International Pickle Day
May 25: World Otter Day
May 30: Water a Flower Day

In the church, on May 19th, we'll be celebrating too as we mark the festival of Pentecost. We'll hear again the account recorded in the book of Acts that describes how the Spirit of God was poured out on the first believers with tongues of Holy fire... You are welcome, as always, to come along and join us as we discover what these events can mean for us today.

Have a look for yourself - see if there's something you can celebrate this month. And if there isn't? Make something up - and invite your neighbours!
Warm May blessings to you all, Lorna

June News Letter If you have an item for the June letter, please contact Marian 743977 or david.marian@btinternet.com **BEFORE 30th May**

Holy Trinity Church May 2024



Sunday 5th May **Holy Communion** **6th Sunday of Easter**
11.00am **and APCM** Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner
Readings: Acts 10.v44-48, 1 John 5.v1-6, John 15.v9-17

Sunday 12th May **Morning Worship** **7th Sunday of Easter**
11.00am Led by: Rev David Jones
Readings: Acts 1.v15-17, 21-26, John 17.v6-19
Giving Sunday in aid of Restored

Sunday 19th May **Holy Communion** **Pentecost**
11.00am Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner
Readings: Acts 2.v1-21, Ezekial 37.v1-14, John 15.v26-27, 16.4b-15

Sunday 26th May **All Age Worship** **Trinity Sunday**
11.00am Led by: Rev Lorna Becky Parnham
Readings: Preacher's Choice

Thursday 9th May Ascension Day Service 7pm at Coxheath

He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Acts 1 v9

Every Thursday 10am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Coxheath
Last Wednesday of each month 12.00noon Holy Communion at Linton

Contact Details

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Revd. David Jones Hon. Associate Rector 01622 741474



Diary Dates

Sunday 5th May Annual Parochial Church Meeting following the service

Please do come to this annual meeting to find out more about the life and work at Holy Trinity.

Thursday 9th May 7pm Benefice Ascension Day Service at Holy Trinity, Coxheath

Saturday 11th May 10.00am – 12.00noon Holy Trinity Church 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.

Sunday 12th May Giving Sunday in aid of Restored

Sunday 12th May Soup on Sunday

This will be held after the morning service and the usual refreshments. Please consider inviting someone else who might be on their own for Sunday lunch.

Saturday 18th May 8.00am for 8.30am **Beacon Men's Breakfast** at the Scout HQ, Westerhill Road, Coxheath. Cost £8 Pay on the door though please email; beaconmen.coxheath@gmail.com or call Mike on 07595 428639 to book a place for catering purposes. Guest speaker Rupert Howe- Driver for the Jesus Saves Formula Ford Racing Team. Please invite your friends.

<https://www.jesussavesracing.org.uk>

Places still available on the July 13th River Stour Boat Trip. Details in the Beacon Men notice stand at the back of church.

Saturday 18th May 3.00 – 4.00pm **Muddy Church** at St Nicholas, Linton

Muddy Church is open to anyone and is 'Walking and Wondering' in the open air so weather appropriate clothing is a must.

Tuesday 28th May 10.00am – 12noon **Community Coffee Morning** at St Nicholas, Linton All Welcome

Tuesdays and Thursdays Brew and a Bite at Holy Trinity, Coxheath

We are open during school term times every Tuesday 2.30pm – 5.00pm and Thursdays 11am – 1.00pm. **Closed on Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th May**

There is no charge but you are invited to give a donation if you so wish. **If you would be willing to help occasionally making tea and chatting to folk at Brew and a Bite please speak to Jen Tobin** 01622 749532 or jennypool@hotmail.com

To find out more information about our Benefice and five Benefice Churches go to www.unitedbenefice.church which also includes useful links

News and Other Information

Holy Trinity Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 5th May

Please do come to this annual meeting to find out more about the life and work at Holy Trinity.

Nomination forms for church wardens and PCC members will be at the back of the church. Please think about whether this is something you would be willing to consider and for more information please speak to Sandra (church warden) or Rev Lorna. Please hand nomination forms to Sandra Baker.

Children's Society Boxes

It's during the month of May when the boxes are collected, monies counted and sent off to the society. If you're a box holder, please could you bring your box to church and pass to Marian S Thank you

Group details

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

Children's Work - Becky Parnham 07949 646865

- Tiny Tots Toybox Thursdays 1.30 – 3.00pm for children from birth to 5 years with their parents or carers at HT Coxheath
- Little Angels Fridays 1.00 – 2.30pm for children from birth to 5 years with their parents and carers at West Farleigh
- Seekers after school club Thursdays after school until 5.00pm for children in school years 3-7 at HT Coxheath
- Bible Babble 1st Sunday of every month 7.30 - 9.00pm at HT Coxheath for young people, school year 6 and upwards

Men's Prayer Group – Mike Marsh 07595 428639

Ladies Prayer Group – Dawn

Beacon Men – Steve Poole 07904 212245

Mothers' Union – Margaret Poole 07729 176762 or
Lesley Marsh 07814 817204

Benefice Services

	9.30am	
Sunday 5th May	East Farleigh Hunton	Morning Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 12th May	West Farleigh Linton	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Sunday 19th May	East Farleigh Hunton	9am APCM followed by Holy Communion Family Service
Sunday 26th May	West Farleigh Linton	Morning Worship Holy Communion