



# St Nicholas Linton June 2024

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May

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

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am All age worship at Coxheath

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh

9.30am Holy Communion in Hunton

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath with APCM

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June

### **9.30am Morning Worship at Linton**

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June

9.30am Family Service at Hunton

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

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

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am All age worship at Coxheath

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June

### **10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Hunton**

## Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Coxheath Church

## Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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



## Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May

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



## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm

### A Summer Concert



### with cheese and wine in St Nicholas Church.

The Hartlip Singers who received a standing ovation at Holy Trinity, Coxheath in December will be coming to Linton for a summer evening concert on **Sunday 30th June at 6pm**. These talented singers come from all walks of musical life, ranging from Rochester Cathedral, the BBC Chorus, and Amateur Operatics, including our own Nancy Litton (Clinton's wife). Nancy tells us "The Hartlip Singers was formed over 12 years ago with the aim of raising money for the Friends of Hartlip Church, near Sittingbourne, Kent (hence the name!). In addition to the annual Hartlip fund-raising concert, they are now regularly asked to perform at charity concerts throughout the South-East. They sing an eclectic mix of music ranging from classical to show songs, folk and pop. Each concert contains full choir items and solos, most of which are accompanied on piano or organ."

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm.**

To reserve your tickets please call Claire on 01622 744971. £15 suggested donation on the door.

The renovation of the toilet at St Nicholas is nearly complete. Just a bit of decorating to do.

## Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024



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

## Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

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



## Pastoral Letter from the Becky

Hurrah, June is here! It's officially summer, and, hopefully, if the weather that is happening as I write this continues, a glorious one it will be too.

After the dreary, wet, spring we have had it's so uplifting to see the sun and feel it's warmth on your skin. The colours in the garden brighten and everything feels a little more vibrant. The birds are singing, the recently hatched chicks are developing their flight feathers and beginning to fledge the nest. The dreaded exam season is midway through, and many of our young people are beginning to think about their futures and what lies ahead for them.

As we approach the longest day of the year, we too may think about what the future holds for us. The days ahead may seem glorious and bright or they may feel overshadowed by anxiety or illness or burdened by debt and monetary fears or any of the numerous issues that daily life throws in our path. We may look at the wider world and wonder what lies ahead, when we hear of wars and conflicts, of the desperate needs of peoples caught up in issues not of their own making. Sometimes it all seems just a bit too much and we want to retreat into our personal little bubbles that we know and feel comfy in no matter what our circumstances.

But with the sun comes the opportunities to connect with others more easily. We may see people out in their gardens or walking and we feel more inclined to stop and have a chat in the warmer weather. Which leads us to problem sharing and how talking to others might help you gain perspective on your life, and what's going on around you.

In the gospel of Matthew Jesus tells us not to worry; to be assured that God will give us everything we need, but that can be a very hard thing to do, worrying seems to come naturally to us, but by sharing our concerns with others we may just gain a little perspective and greater peace of mind. So enjoy the warmth and don't be so wrapped up in busy-ness that you miss those opportunities to connect with others that may just help you see the future a little more clearly. Becky – Benefice Children & Families' Worker

### 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 Jean Avery. Thank you

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### **Linton APCM report**

St Nicholas Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The Annual Report and Financial Statement were presented and approved. If you would like a copy of the reports please speak to Kath. Jean Avery has kindly agreed to stand on the PCC to join Roger Bettle, Kath and Paul Cooper, Claire Merrifield and Jim Walder. Roger and Kath agreed to stand as Churchwardens for a further year.

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**The Friends of Linton Church** also had their AGM in April. The Friends have helped us greatly this past year with all the building work we have done but their funds are now depleting. If you would like to know more about our very own Friends group please contact Bernie Cresswell, the Chairman. Or pick up a letter with the Parish News.  
bernardjresswell@gmail.com

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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.

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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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### 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](mailto:david.marian@btinternet.com)

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### 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](mailto:beaconmen.coxheath@gmail.com)

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### 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.

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### St Nicholas Linton is registered with easyfundraising.

Just a few people have raised over £90 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 to shop online with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-nicholas-linton>



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### **BENEFICE CONTACTS**

Revd. Lorna Faulkner, Rector 01622 747570  
Revd. David Jones, 01622 741474

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

Children's Work	Becky Parnham 07949 646865 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Coxheath-Benefice-Kids-112089254485427/">https://www.facebook.com/Coxheath-Benefice-Kids-112089254485427/</a>
Men's Prayer Group	Mike Marsh 07595 428639
Ladies Prayer Group	Dawn Burnell
Beacon Men	Steve Poole 01622 297144
Mothers' Union	Margaret Poole 01622 297144 Lesley Marsh 07814 817204
Safeguarding	Margaret Poole 01622 297144

Our Benefice and five Benefice Churches website is [www.unitedbenefice.church](http://www.unitedbenefice.church)



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