



St Nicholas Linton July 2024

Sunday 23rd June

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am All age worship at Coxheath

Sunday 30th June

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Hunton

Sunday 7th July

9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh

9.30am Holy Communion in Hunton

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 14th July

9.30am Morning Worship at Linton

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

Sunday 21st July

9.30am Family Service at Hunton

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Benefice Summer Services

The Benefice will be on Safari from 28th July to the end of August! As we did at Advent last year there will only be one service a week in the Benefice to take the pressure off our wonderful hardworking ministry team. So let's join with our other Benefice church congregations and enjoy worshipping together on a Summer Safari. All services at 10.30am



Sunday 28th July at Holy Trinity Coxheath

Sunday 4th August at East Farleigh

Sunday 11th August at All Saints West Farleigh

Sunday 18th August at St Mary's Hunton

Sunday 25th August at St Nicholas Linton

Sunday 30th June at 6pm

A Summer Concert

with cheese and wine in St Nicholas Church.



The Hartlip 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). They have a delightful programme organised for us, ranging from classical to show songs, folk and pop.

Sunday 30th June at 6pm.

To reserve your tickets please call

Claire on 01622 744971 or Kath 07876 101390.

£15 suggested donation on the door.

Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Coxheath Church

Tuesday 25th June and 30th July 2024

10am -12 noon Community coffee

morning at St Nicholas Linton



Wednesday 26th June & 31st July

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

and a roll.

New Toilet facilities – The church toilet is now completely refurbished. With thanks to the Friends of Linton Church for their financial assistance and to Margaret Waller for her decorating skills.

Children's Society 'Thank You'

Many thanks to all box holders for your continued support and generosity. The money raised during 2023 – 2024 was £358.30. Sadly the number of our supporters are decreasing so if you would like to find out more or become a box holder for the Children's Society by collecting some of your change during the year, do please speak to Jean Avery.

Pastoral Letter from Rev David Jones

The month of July was always a special month when I was teaching. The school examinations were over, reports were being written, the interhouse cricket, rounders, athletics and swimming events took place and the school seemed to more relaxed. However, the truth was probably that the children certainly relaxed but the teachers became a little frazzled with report writing, parents evenings and the changes in teaching rhythm and July seemed to go on for ever. But we had the start of the long summer holiday to look forward to.

Since my retirement some 25 years ago now, July has lost a great deal of that eager forward looking to feeling. We used to hear about how much cheaper holidays were outside school holidays. I never found that true but isn't that true of so many things we look forward to for, when it happens it's never the same as we expected. Sometime better but not always. So for me July was never the holiday month but the time for looking forward, enjoying the bright hot days, the longer evenings and preparing to relax before the start of a new school year in September.

You know we need patterns to our lives, times to become busy, times to maintain a steadiness in life and also times to look forward so that our batteries can be recharged.

It's interesting to read the stories of Jesus in the light of his pattern. He seemed to be always surrounded by crowds demanding his attention and then times, we are told, when he went looking for peace and quiet, time to think, time to reflect but above all time to look forward, refreshed, recharged and renewed, ready to move on in his life.

Enjoy July and hopefully we will be prepared for a restful and refreshing August before the cycle continues into the autumn and another year. That took me back in 'teacher mode'! Have a good holiday whenever it comes.

David



Oh No Jonah! - Holiday Club

Tuesday 13th August from 9.30am to 3pm in Holy Trinity Coxheath, there is to be a Holiday Club for children in school years 1-6.

FREE!

Games – Crafts – Stories – Food

To book a place contact Becky – email: becky.thecat@btpopenworld.com

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 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.



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[easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/). Just a few people have raised over £90 for St Nicholas Church, by shopping online and remembering to use easyfundraising.



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‘Berries and Bells’

Sunday 7th July

From 2.30 to 5pm

St Mary’s Church Hunton



Strawberry Cream Teas, Cakes and Bells

BENEFICE CONTACTS

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

Children’s Work	Becky Parnham 07949 646865 https://www.facebook.com/Coxheath-Benefice-Kids-112089254485427/
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Ladies Prayer Group	Dawn Burnell
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Our Benefice and five Benefice Churches website is www.unitedbenefice.church



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