



# St Nicholas Linton August 2024

There is a change to the service rota across our parishes for the summer. We will be holding a Service each week in one of our churches as part of a 'Summer Safari' around the Benefice and we would love to see you at one or all of these.



We will be joining together for a Benefice Communion service at **10:30am each Sunday morning** from late July and throughout August:

### **28th July – Holy Trinity, Coxheath**

10.30am Summer Safari Service 1 – Who are we?

### **4th August – Ancient Parish Church, East Farleigh**

10.30am Summer Safari Service 2 – What are we for?

### **11th August – All Saints, West Farleigh**

10.30am Summer Safari Service 3 – How do we do it?

### **18th August – St Mary's, Hunton**

10.30am Summer Safari Service 4 – Dreaming dreams with God

### **10th August – St Nicholas', Linton**

10.30am - Summer Safari Service 5 – Are we ready?

As we all live in different villages, it will mean travelling further than everyone is used to, and not everyone is able to drive. We would encourage congregations to come together to share lifts and help everyone who wants to, to be able to attend. If you can give someone a lift – please do offer. And if you need a lift – please do ask. If you find yourself struggling to find someone to help, then please give one of the Churchwardens or a member of the Ministry Team a ring and we will do our best to help.

Our hope is that as many of us as possible will take this opportunity to share our worship in different surroundings, enjoy each of the lovely buildings we inhabit, and enjoy the warmth of fellowship as we gather as a Benefice family.  
(Linton contact for lifts: Kath Cooper 07876 101390)

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### **Every Thursday**

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Coxheath Church

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### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July & 27<sup>th</sup> August**

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



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### **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July & 28<sup>th</sup> August**

12 noon Midweek Holy Communion in Linton Refreshments will be served in July and August but no soup.



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### **Oh No Jonah! - Holiday Club**

*Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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@btopenworld.com*

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### **Pastoral Letter from Sue Elliott**

Hello everyone,  
Time flies, doesn't it? August already! So here we are again, children off school and parents, grandparents and other carers and friends trying to find things to do to occupy them. It can be a difficult time, especially if the weather isn't kind. Our strange weather is all the fault of the Gulf Stream apparently. It is further south than it should be and is drawing cold, unsettled weather down from the north. Hopefully, by the time you read this (I'm writing it mid-July) the weather will have improved.

Within our Benefice there will be a couple of children's events taking place; a holiday club on 13th August, school years 1-6 (book via email to [becky.thecat@btopenworld.com](mailto:becky.thecat@btopenworld.com)) and on 15th August, a Crafternoon for parents and children, all ages 2-4pm.

For those of you who like DRAGONS there is one in Rochester Cathedral! It's name is Draco Roffensis. It's made up of lots of foil scales; silver, gold and bronze, that were decorated by children and adults who visited the Cathedral earlier in the year. It is well worth a look, and it is free to get in the Cathedral. (What attractions are free these days?!) The Rochester Dragon has been inspired by illuminated artwork found within the pages of Textus Roffensis, a 900 year old medieval book that can be seen in the crypt. Find out more at:

<https://www.rochestercathedral.org/dragon>

There are also free Family Craft Activities at the Cathedral on Tuesdays and Fridays in July and August, and a free Family Friendly Organ Recital on 26th August. Music inspired by Draco Roffensis. Guess what, the organ has 3,808 pipes! Amazing! A free, daily Anglo-Saxon Riddle Trail, too, to help you discover more about the Cathedral. The link above shows you all about what is happening in your Cathedral over the holidays including one or two ticketed events that you might be interested in.

For those of you who might prefer a quieter life in the summer, find a nice place to sit, a garden or park, and relax. Look at nature, the flowers and trees, and think on this, from a song that many will have sung at school:

*Think of a world without any flowers,  
think of a world without any trees,  
think of a sky without any sunshine,  
think of the air without any breeze.*

*We thank You, Lord, for flowers, trees and sunshine.*

*We thank You, Lord, and praise Your holy name.*

How blessed we are to be surrounded by the beauty of creation. Enjoy!

**Sue Elliott – Pastoral Assistant**

## **BENEFICE CONTACTS**

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For up to date details about benefice group meetings  
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[www.unitedbenefice.church](http://www.unitedbenefice.church)



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