



# St Nicholas Linton September 2024

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Trinity 14

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton  
9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh  
11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 15

**9.30am Morning Worship at Linton**  
9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh  
11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 16

9.30am Family Service3 at Hunton  
9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh  
11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Trinity 17

**9.30am Holy Communion at Linton**  
9.30am Harvest Worship at West Farleigh  
11am All age Harvest at Coxheath

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Trinity 18

**10.30am Benefice Communion at Linton**  
No other services in the Benefice.

## Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Coxheath Church

## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August and 24<sup>th</sup> September

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



## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August and 25<sup>th</sup> September

12 noon Midweek Holy Communion in Linton. Refreshments will be served in August and soup in September.

## Pastoral Letter from the Rector

A brand-new pencil case. Filled with brand new pencil case treasures. It doesn't get much better than that, right?

Black pens, blue pens, red pen, green pen. Freshly sharpened pencils with no chewed-up ends. A shiny new sharpener. A smooth, white eraser that looks like a pebble from a beach. A ruler (with no scratches). A protractor (that you'll use as a ruler when the ruler has been lost...) A set-square - if anyone ever worked out what that was for feel free to enlighten me! A set of compasses to scratch doodles on your ruler (and the desk... gosh, I did get in trouble for that once!) A pot of Tippex that you're not really allowed to use in your school books.

Fully equipped. A sight to behold. And one full of so much promise. But a promise that couldn't be realised unless the items were used for their intended purpose. What's the use of a pen that never writes, or an eraser that stays perfectly intact?

It got me wondering about the things that we might be equipped with in our own lives - the gifts and abilities we have gathered over the years; the promise that is contained in each of us that might bless not only our own lives, but also the lives of those around us. We might be bakers or gardeners, listeners, encouragers, peacemakers, or visionaries. We might be good with numbers or paperwork; we might be fixers or builders or organisers... we might just really like a chat and can put people at their ease. Whatever we have been equipped with, maybe September is a good time to take stock of what we carry in the pencil case of our lives, so to speak!

What can you offer to the world (or at least to your friends, family and community!) that would see you on the journey to fulfilling your intended purpose? As you discover what treasure there is within you, I hope you - and others - will be encouraged and blessed by it! Happy September... (it's not long 'til Christmas now!)

**Lorna**

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

**St Nicholas Linton will be holding our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am. Please have this in mind to invite people along to the service. Any gifts of produce which are donated will be taken to MADM (Make a Difference Maidstone). We are also planning a HARVEST LUNCH to be held in Church as we did last year. Please put this in your diaries and let Margaret know if you are able to help in any way.**



St Nicholas Church is open most days for anyone to come in to find a quiet space for prayer and reflection. More information from Kath (07876 101390)

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September

**10am – 1pm Coffee and Cake in the Scout Hut, Westerhill Road.** Coffee/tea, cake, bric-a-brac, and a raffle. Everyone is invited .

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September

**Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride Event**  
St Nicholas Linton will be open during the day for Ride and Striders to sign in and get some refreshments. Andrew Baker from Coxheath will be taking part so if you would like to sponsor him please call 07713 403527. 50% of the sponsor money raised is donated to this charity and 50% to Holy Trinity Coxheath.

## Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September

**3–4pm Muddy Church at St Nicholas Linton.**

A time to wander and ponder God's creation. Contact Becky for more information: 07949 646865



*Benefice Children & Families Worker*

<https://www.facebook.com/Coxheath-Benefice-Kids-112089254485427/>

### 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/>

### 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)

### 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.



### **St Nicholas Linton is registered with [easyfundraising](#).**

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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-nicholas-linton>

### **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
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