



## St Nicholas Linton November 2024

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Last after Trinity

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

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am All age Worship at Coxheath

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November ALL SAINTS

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

9.30am Harvest Service at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

#### **3pm Benefice Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance at St Nicholas Linton**

to give thanks and remember people whose funeral services we have taken in the benefice or at Vinters Park Crematorium in the past years. We invite relatives and friends and extend the invitation via the monthly newsletters to anyone else whose relatives would like to add names to the list of names read out. **If you would like a name added please contact Rev David Jones with the name you wish to be remembered by the end of October** on 01622 741474 or email davidjones.coxheath@gmail.com Light refreshments will be served after the service.

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November REMEMBRANCE

**There is a service in all 5 benefice churches.**

**10.15am in Linton church followed at 11am by the Act of Remembrance at the memorial cross.**

**10.45am at Coxheath, East and West Farleigh**

**10.50am at Hunton**

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November – SAFEGUARDING

9.30am Family Service at Hunton

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November - CHRIST THE KING

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

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am All age worship at Coxheath

### Tuesdays 29<sup>th</sup> October & 26<sup>th</sup> November



10am -12 noon Community coffee

morning in St Nicholas Linton. A grand

Christmas Raffle is being prepared –

tickets on sale on 29<sup>th</sup> October and drawn at the end of the coffee morning on 26<sup>th</sup> November.

### Wednesdays 30<sup>th</sup> October and 27<sup>th</sup> November

12 noon Midweek Holy Communion in Linton followed by a light lunch.

### Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion,

Coxheath Church



### Tuesdays and Thursdays

Brew and a Bite at Holy Trinity, Coxheath Open (during school term times) every Tuesday 2.30pm – 5pm and Thursdays 11am – 1pm. No charge but donate if you so wish. These sessions are open for anybody in Coxheath or the surrounding areas.

St Nicholas Linton is registered with [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-nicholas-linton).

Shop early for Christmas? Why not sign up to Easyfundraising when shopping online and help St Nicholas Church for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-nicholas-linton) 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>



### Pastoral Letter from the Rector

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November this year, it is World Kindness Day. What is kindness?

Maybe it's about words: Thinking about what we want to say and the way we are going to say it. Are my words going to build someone up, encourage the best in them and for them? Do they communicate in a way that reflects the innate value of the person to whom I am speaking – or did they come with an 'edge' that made that person wince uncomfortably, feeling criticised or shamed in some way? Was I impatient or irritable? Manipulative or spiteful? Could I have said it better? Could I have been kinder?

Maybe it's about attitude: choosing to see the best in a person or situation. Do I carry suspicion and negative expectations into my interactions with others or do I approach them with grace – assuming well-meaning before malice? If I am upset by something someone says, or does, am I able to hold that position of grace; make allowances for the irritations that might affect someone else's day and not just consider my own?

Maybe it's an action: physically doing for others what we can; noticing their needs; keeping our eyes open for the opportunities we have to help someone; to do something that makes someone else's day lighter and helps them feel that they are seen and cared about.

I think it's all three.

Kindness in our words, attitudes, and actions, can change the course of someone's day. Maybe even their life I suppose. And it changes our day too. Being kind on purpose feels good! We are made for it: The Bible speaks time and time again of God's loving-kindness and also tells us humanity was created in God's image. Kindness is part of our spiritual DNA. You wouldn't know it, looking around the world right now. As we read and watch the news unfold on a daily basis – the pain and devastation of war. The political division; the fear of the future; the rising violence among our young people...

It can feel pretty hopeless. But let's not let it stop us from trying; from sowing the seeds of kindness in our communities.

One of my favourite Bible passages is Ephesians, chapter 4. It ends with the exhortation to 'be kind and compassionate to one another...'

Couldn't we all do with a bit more of that? And maybe we could manage it for more than just one day!

Love and blessings to you all,

**Lorna**



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

## 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.



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

3pm – **Messy Christingle** in St Nicholas Linton. A fun afternoon for all the family, making Christingles and other crafts before continuing in Church at 4.15pm **Carol Service** with Christingles Festive refreshments to follow. You can come to the whole afternoon or just come along to the Carol Service at 4.15pm.

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS IN THE BENEFICE

1<sup>st</sup> December 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent  
10.30am Holy Communion at Coxheath

8<sup>th</sup> December 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent  
10.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

15<sup>th</sup> December 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent  
10.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

22<sup>nd</sup> December - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent  
10.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

## Christmas Day

10.30am Benefice Family Service and Holy Communion at Linton

***These are the only Sunday morning services in the Benefice in December.***

## BENEFICE CONTACTS

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

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Men's Prayer Group Mike Marsh 07595 428639  
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Our Benefice and five Benefice Churches website is

[www.unitedbenefice.church](http://www.unitedbenefice.church)

## St Nicholas Church Tower Clock

Our ancient and well-loved turret clock on the tower of St Nicholas Church does not keep good time, but then it is 300 years old! With receipt of a generous gift we have arranged for Gillett & Johnson to supply a quartz master clock with radio receiver, electro-magnetic bell hammer to strike the hours and quarter chimes on the existing bell, during the day only. The master clock has a battery back up so a mains failure will not affect it. Summer and Winter time changes are carried out automatically. As the master is monitored by radio signal from the Atomic clock, time keeping is extremely accurate.

