



St Nicholas Linton January 2025

Sunday 29th December

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Coxheath

Sunday 5th January – The Epiphany

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

Sunday 12th January – Baptism of Christ

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

Sunday 19th January - 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

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

Sunday 26th January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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

Tuesday 8th January

12 noon Midweek Holy Communion in Linton followed by a light lunch. This month to be held at Forge Cottage, next to Bull Inn. Please note new date for this service which will be on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.



Tuesday 28th January



10am -12 noon Community coffee morning in St Nicholas Linton.

Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Coxheath Church

Brew and a Bite on Tuesdays at Holy Trinity, Coxheath. We are open during school term times every Tuesday 12 noon-7.00pm. From 5.30 – 7.00pm this is a time specifically for a youth group in school years 7 -13 There is no charge but you are invited to give a donation if you so wish.

Second-hand book library in St Nicholas

If you love it, keep it. £1
If it's a good read, swap it for another. 50p
Donations welcome

Pastoral Letter from the Rev David Jones

Dear Readers
Happy New Year to you all! The New Year offers us the opportunity to make a fresh start, to put behind us the past and to look to the future and also to perhaps mark the present. Fresh starts have been the mark of life's journey from the very start of our lives. Going to 'big school', moving on to a different class each July, our first job, all the 'firsts' in life. Who didn't like that fresh first page of a new exercise book. No crossings out, no comments by our teacher to haunt us from the past.

Life has been so hard at times and yet looking back there have been the good times, the times that we wish to remain with and hoped would not end. Even as we get older there are those moments of 'fresh starts' and the new year offers us hope. Maybe you don't look at it that way and are not filled with hope, dreading the coming days, weeks and months, yet the odd thing is that sometimes when we look back we realise that things didn't always turn out as we expected. Life did change, something or someone joined us on the journey and we were distracted from our expected journey.

Hope is in many ways a strange word. We hope for so much and can be so disappointed when things don't turn out as expected. Most of my Christmas cards over the years have expressed the sentiment of hope for the coming year. What does it mean? I

looked up 'hope' on Google and found the following. **Hope** - a feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen. Yet we know what we hope for doesn't always materialise. Yet the sentiment of hope prevails as life throws at us things we least expected, some good things others we are sad about, yet life goes on and hope is what drives us.

So start another year with hope, don't hang on too much with the past but be eager to seek out those things which in your life you value. I had hoped that someone else was writing the January letter but their circumstances changed. So, this letter goes to you at the very last moment with all my hope for you this year. **David**

BENEFICE CONTACTS

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Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh