



St Nicholas Linton February 2025

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

Sunday 2nd February Candlemas

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

9.30am Morning Prayer at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 9th February- 4th Sunday before Lent

9.30am Morning Worship at Linton

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

Sunday 16th February - 3rd Sunday before Lent

9.30am Family Service at Hunton

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 23rd February - 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am All age Worship at Coxheath



Tuesday 28th January & Tuesday 25th

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

Wednesday 12th February

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



Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Coxheath Church

Sad news about old friends of Linton

Our faithful Churchwarden of over 20 years, Roger Bettle, died suddenly on 4th January. **Provisional** date for funeral is 28th February. Further details will follow.

Sheila Wilson died in autumn 2023, having moved to be near family some 10 years ago. She and Ken had worshipped at St Nicholas for many years and Sheila had been a key member of YOG (Young Ornithologists Group) with Anne Bird. The family are coming to Kent on 21st February to bury her ashes. It is hoped to open the church and provide refreshments for anyone who wishes to attend.

Pauline Waters, who moved to Gloucestershire with husband Tom 10 years ago, died peacefully at home at the age of 91 on Boxing Day. Kath has contact details of the family as well as of the funeral for any who wish to be in touch.

Plans for 2025

Lent Course at Linton

5 Wednesdays starting on 12th March at 11am. First 12th March) and last (9th April) sessions followed by Holy Communion and a light lunch.

Saturday 8th March

Church spring cleaning day. All hands very much appreciated and there will be jobs for all abilities!

Mothering Sunday 30th March

Cream Teas in Church

Messy Easter

Wednesday 16th April from 3 – 5pm.

Friends of Linton Church AGM

Wednesday 16th April at 7.30pm in church

Saturday 14th June

A return of the very popular Teddy Zip Wire event.

Possible concert late summer by the Kent Police Male Voice Choir.

Pastoral Letter from the Rector

I really shouldn't put myself on the rota to write to you in the winter months. I suffer with chronic 'Winteritis' and am such a misery, I had to Google 'what is good about February?' before I could even think about writing today.

But February it is, and it's the shortest month and the days are slowly getting lighter so there is some solace and even joy to be found in knowing it will be over soon! Joking (am I?) aside, if we decide to, we can always try to find something positive and affirming in life, so here are a few things to love about February: **The snowdrops!** The first, brave, beautiful flowers to stick their heads above the parapet of winter. The churchyard of St Mary's Hunton will be a stunning carpet of white and green delightfulness over the next couple of weeks - come on down and enjoy nature's artwork!

World Nutella Day is on February 5th. Surely nothing gets much better than that? I can recommend a lovely recipe for a Nutella brioche loaf. But if you can't be bothered with that, get a box of breadsticks, a jar of the sweet chocolatey joy, and hunker down in front of a good film.

Of course we have **St Valentine's Day** on the 14th – and, if that's your thing - enjoy! Love those dear to you, revel in the red roses and push the boat out with a lovely 'dine in for two' meal deal from M & S. If it's not your thing, let it pass by without a moment's angst. (Here's little nugget for you though: St Valentine, the patron saint of love and romance is also the patron saint of the bubonic plague... make of that what you will!)

February 17th apparently brings us **Random Acts of Kindness day** 2025. What better way to combat the winter blues than to spend a day doing nice things for other people - I wonder how many people in your family and community you could manage to bless in small ways if you put your mind to it?

Happy February to you all. Bless you. Keep warm. Keep loving. Hang in there! **Lorna**

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

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.

Rochester Cathedral

From 11th February – 8th March a touring artwork 'Mars: War and Peace' by Luke Jerram. This follows on from his other astronomical artworks the Moon and the Gaia. This is a free event during the day but please see the cathedral website for opening times.

Saturday 8th February 10am – 12noon Holy Trinity Church Coffee Morning at the Scout HQ, Westerhill Road. Admission £1 which includes free tea/coffee and biscuits. You can buy from the popular cake, bric-a-brac and card stalls. There are usually members of the Coxheath Parish Council there to chat with.

St Mary's Hunton

Don't forget to take a walk to St Mary's to see the delightful display of snowdrops in the churchyard.



Coxheath Area Branch

Check out our Face Book page for latest news from our local branch and national and international items, too! Meetings are held in member's homes, usually at 2pm. Contact Lesley on 07814 817204 or Margaret on 07729176762 for venue

or email mu.coxheath@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/mothersunioncoxheath>

The next meeting is on 19th February 2025.

BENEFACTORS

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

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www.unitedbenefice.church

