



St Nicholas Linton July 2025

Sunday 22nd June Trinity 1

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

9.30am Morning Worship West Farleigh

11am All age worship at Coxheath

Sunday 29th June - Trinity 2

10.30am Benefice Communion at Coxheath

Wednesday 9th July

12 noon - Holy Communion in Linton Church.

A short, informal service, followed by some refreshments. All are welcome.

Sunday 6th July - Trinity 3

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 13th July - Trinity 4

9.30am Morning Worship at Linton

9.30am Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning worship with Baptisms at Coxheath

Sunday 20th July - Trinity 5

9.30am Family Service at Hunton

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 27th July - Trinity 6

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am All-age worship at Coxheath

Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Coxheath Church



Tuesdays 24th June & 29th July
10am -12 noon **Community coffee**
mornings in St Nicholas Linton.

Pastoral Letter from the Rector

As I was pondering what to write about in this month's letter, I struck on the idea of having a look in my Daily Prayer book at what saints' days and festivals fall in July. There are quite a few – big names too: Mary Magdalene, Anne and Joachim (Jesus' maternal grandparents) his great friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus. But the one I have chosen isn't a saint at all. July 30th is a day of commemoration for the social reformer, William Wilberforce.

William Wilberforce is well-known as one of the major voices in the – what would prove to be successful - campaign to abolish the transatlantic slave trade, and indeed slavery across most of the British Empire. He was a devout and passionate Christian believer: One of his advisors, as he wrestled reconciling his faith with his career in politics, was John Newton, an Anglican priest, a repentant former slave-trader, and the writer of the beautiful hymn, Amazing Grace.

What might be less well-known is that Wilberforce, born in Yorkshire, was, in fact, no stranger to our part of Kent: Two of his sons, Robert and Henry, were vicars of East Farleigh church in our Benefice. There is a grave plot down at East Farleigh, where William's wife, Elizabeth, is buried as well as other members of the family. He gave his last anti-slavery speech in Maidstone, just 3 months before his death in 1833, hearing just days before his death that the Bill for the Abolition of Slavery had been passed.

The Church of England has a special prayer for each day, known as the Collect. The Collect for July 30th contains these words: '...grant that, as your servant William Wilberforce toiled against the sin of slavery, so we may bring compassion to all and work for the freedom of all the children of God...'

We are living in turbulent times; switching on the news of an evening can feel like an act of courage as we brace ourselves for reports of more unrest and suffering. We may not know how to solve the world's problems. We may not all be a Wilberforce and go

down in history for our part in trying – but we can all choose, as he did, to bestow respect and dignity on our fellow human beings, and challenge others to do the same.

A prayer that we may work to 'bring compassion to all' is perhaps a very good place to start. *Lorna*



Sunday 7th September

3pm in St Nicholas Linton. We are delighted to welcome the Kent Police Male Voice Choir for a Concert in Church. Tickets available shortly. It is hoped to provide Pimms to drink and Retro – 1970's themed refreshments in the interval. Book the date for a very special afternoon.

Summer Events at West Farleigh

Sunday 22 June - Garden Open Day at Smiths Hall

Sunday 6 July Village Cricket and BBQ

. 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

To enable us to be up to date with GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations), Contact Consent Forms are now available. If you would like to be on the St Nicholas Linton mailing list and contacted occasionally about events, activities and services in the Benefice please contact Kath Cooper, (PCC secretary) on 07876 101390 or email cooperkath2@gmail.com



We are moving into the 21st century and now have a Give-a-little account to enable web donations to St Nicholas Church. As we don't have any mobile or internet signal in the church we are unable to have a 'sum-up' box, but if you click on the link or the QR code it will take you to our Give-a-little page for donations.

<https://givealittle.co/c/xxwq1j2vTAIepiHL878wE>



As ever, your PCC thank you for your support.

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.

Tuesday 12th August

Becky and the Team are organising a Holiday Club in Holy Trinity Coxheath. The theme will be Daniel and the Lions. More information to follow.



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, at 12 noon for a bring and share lunch. Contact Lesley on 07814 817204 or Margaret on 07729 176762 for venue, or email mu.coxheath@gmail.com

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

BENEFICE CONTACTS

Revd. Lorna Faulkner, Rector 01622 747570

Revd. David Jones, 01622 741474

Kath Cooper, Linton Churchwarden: 07876 101390

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

Children's Work Becky Parnham 07949 646865

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

Men's Prayer Group Mike Marsh 07595 428639

Ladies Prayer Group Dawn Burnell

Beacon Men Steve Poole 07904 212245

Mothers' Union Margaret Poole 07729 17676

Lesley Marsh 07814 817204

Benefice Safeguarding Officer - Margaret Poole

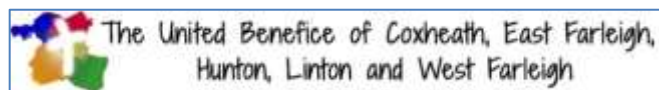
Our Benefice and five Benefice Churches website is

www.unitedbenefice.church

Benefice Children's Work

Becky Parnham 07949 646865

- **Tiny Tots Toybox**
Thursdays 1.30 – 3pm for children from birth to 5 years with their parents or carers at HT Coxheath
- **Little Angels**
Fridays 1 – 2.30pm for children from birth to 5 years with their parents and carers at West Farleigh
- **Bible Babble**
1st Sunday of every month 7.30 - 9pm at HT Coxheath for young people, school year 6 and upwards
- **Brew and a Bite Youth Group**
Tuesdays 5.30 – 7pm at HT for young people in school years 7 -13 Contact Jen Tobin



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