



St Nicholas Linton August 2025

Sunday 27th July - Trinity 6

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am All-age worship at Coxheath

August Benefice 'Safari'

There will be one service each Sunday morning in August, travelling around the parishes. In addition, another church (who would have had a service that day) will be open for prayer for an hour from 9:30am and Clinton has produced a set of prayers that will be in church for visitors to use for themselves. There will also be a short evening service at Coxheath each week, led by a different member of the team.

Sunday 3rd August – Trinity 7

9.30am East Farleigh Church will be open for prayer.

10.30am Benefice Communion at Hunton

6pm Evening Service (Iona Community) at Coxheath

Sunday 10th August – Trinity 8

9.30am West Farleigh Church open for prayer

10.30am Benefice Communion at Linton

3pm Baptism in Linton Church

6pm Evensong at Coxheath

Sunday 17th August - Trinity 9

9.30am Hunton Church open for prayer

10.30am Benefice Communion at East Farleigh

6pm Evensong at Coxheath

Sunday 24th August – Trinity 10

9.30am Linton Church open for prayer

10.30am Benefice Communion at West Farleigh

6pm Evensong at Coxheath

Sunday 31st August – Trinity 11

(5th Sunday of the month)

10.30am Benefice All Age Communion at Coxheath

4pm Back to School Blessing at Coxheath

Tuesday 12th August

9.30 – 3pm Holiday Club at Holy Trinity, Coxheath. 'Oh Dear Daniel!' School Years 1 – 6



To book a place asap email –

becky.thecat@btopenworld.com

www.unitedbenefice.com

Wednesday 13th August

12 noon - Holy Communion in Linton Church.

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

Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Coxheath Church



Tuesdays 29th July & 26th August

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

Sunday 7th September

3pm in St Nicholas Linton.

We are delighted to

welcome the Kent Police

Male Voice Choir for a

Concert in Church. Please contact Kath (07876

101390) or email cooperkath2@gmail.com, to book

your place. Interval refreshments will be 'retro',

1970's themed, and Pimms to drink (or non-alcoholic

option). Suggested donation to include refreshments

£15.



Thank you to all who have returned a contact consent form for GDPR. If you have not completed one this will be the last Linton newsletter you will receive by email. Your approval is required under the Data Protection Act (2018) to enable us to contact you by post, telephone or email. Contact Consent Forms are available in church. 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

Pastoral Letter from the Rector

August arrives at our doorstep like a gentle friend, draped in golden sunlight and humming with the steady music of crickets. The fields, once emerald, now blush with the promise of harvest. Gardens bow under the abundance of tomatoes, beans, and sunflowers, while the orchard branches grow heavy with plums and early apples.

This is the month when the world slows in a warm embrace. The mornings begin to cool, soft dew clinging to the grass; spiderwebs sparkling like tiny jewels. The heat of the summer afternoon sun, the touch of sun-scorched grass under our feet, calling us back to the endless, open joy of our childhood school holidays. Evenings invite us to linger with friends on doorsteps, or in gardens, sharing stories as the sun sinks behind golden fields. August, the golden heart of summer.

August is a time for gratitude and gathering—a season for picnics, and market stalls brimming with produce - inviting us to savour the beauty woven through simple days: the patient labour of the allotments and gardens, the cheerful hum of bees, and the comfort of friendships old and new – reminding us to treasure the richness of life while we can lay our hands on it. As we move through these golden days, may we remember to pause and cherish the blessings we have in our village communities – the land, the people, the gentle rhythms.

August reminds us that, even as autumn comes whispering to us in the misty mornings, and the rosehips and damsons begin to adorn the hedges, summer's generosity is at its height – it is there to be enjoyed, to be celebrated and to be shared.

Wishing everyone a blessed and abundant August.

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

1st – 31st August Rochester Cathedral

Celebrate Medway's aviation history this August at Rochester Cathedral. A newly restored Short Scion Floatplane will be displayed in the Cathedral Nave. Alongside it will be free family activities and an exhibition about the Short brothers. Please see the Rochester Cathedral website for more information and opening times.



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.



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>

Children's Society 'Thank You'

Many thanks to all box holders for your continued support and generosity. The money raised during 2024 – 2025 was £405.40. If you would like to join this small group of supporters and become a box holder for the Children's Society by collecting some of your change during the year, do please speak to Marian Simpson 743977 or Jean Avery.

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

St Nicholas Linton is registered

with [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/). Just a few people have raised over £120 for St Nicholas Church, by shopping online and remembering to use

[easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/). So why not join us, sign up and help St Nicholas Church for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/) 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>



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