

St Nicholas Linton September 2025

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

Sunday 7th September – Trinity 12

9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh Church 9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton 11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Wednesday 10th September

12 noon - Holy Communion in Linton Church.

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

Sunday 14th September – Trinity 13 9.30am Morning Worship at Linton

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

Sunday 21st September - Trinity 14

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

Sunday 28th September – Trinity 15

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

10.30am Harvest Breakfast in Church

Everyone is welcome to join us for a harvest buffet breakfast.

11am All age Harvest Thanksgiving at Coxheath

Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Coxheath Church



Tuesday 30th September 10am -12 noon Community coffee **morning** 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-alcooholic option). Suggested donation to include refreshments £15.

Brew and Bite at Holy Trinity Coxheath

We are open during school term times every Tuesday from **9th September** 12 noon-7pm. From 5.30 – 7pm 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

Saturday 13th September

10am – 1pm Coffee and Cake on the Green outside Holy Trinity. Refreshments, food and drink raffle, bric-a-brac, activities for young people and live music! Spread the word and support this event.

Saturday 13th September

9.30am - 5pm Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Ride and Stride Event. Linton Church will be open. If anyone would like to take part in the annual Ride and Stride, please contact Sandra Baker for further information.

Wednesday 17th September

Mothers NION 12noon at Holy Trinity Mothers

Union "Bring and Share" Lunch followed by a speaker who will cover topics relating to Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Inheritance Tax, Care Fees, and Sideways disinheritance. The speaker, offering the talk for the community, guarantees a touch of humour alongside crucial insights of Estate Planning, with Q&A time. If you are interested in any of the above topics we invite vou to join us. There will be food available, tea/coffee (no charge.) Contact Lesley on 07814 817204 or Margaret on 07729 176762 or email

mu.coxheath@gmail.com

https://www.facebook.com/mothersunioncoxheath

Saturday 20th September

6.30 pm Next Beacon Men Event A tasty BBQ around a fire pit hosted by chef James at his garden in Hunton. Good food, conversations and company assured. Please book in by contacting Mike on 07595 428639 or email: beaconmen.coxheath@gmail.com

Sunday 5th October

We are planning a harvest lunch to be held in St Nicholas Church. Home cooked meal. Please let Margaret Waller know if you would like to come. Sunday 12th October

9.30am Harvest thanksgiving at St Nicholas.

Early Warning!!

Friday 12th December

Save the date for trying your hand at making a Christmas wreath. Our lovely talented flower arrangers, Donna and Pam, will be teaching us how to achieve a beautiful wreath. Further details to follow but please register your interest with Kath Cooper (07876 101390). Open to the whole Benefice.

Pastoral Letter from Sue Elliott

Dear friends.

I have what most would say is a big birthday coming up in September. When I was 50, I remember it being said that 50 is the new 40, and when I was 60 it was said that 60 is the new 50! I recently read that 70 is apparently the new 53! Research cited in the IMF's World Economic Outlook, based on samples in 41 countries, suggested the average 70-year-old in 2022 had the same cognitive ability as a 53-year-old in 2000!

Rather than big birthdays though, I am thinking about all the youngsters who have big events happening, like starting school, moving to big school, leaving school and starting apprenticeships or work, or going off to college or university. Massive events in these young lives.

This time of year can be difficult, too, for parents having to buy school uniforms and it can be emotional when children go to school for the first time or youngsters leave home to go to college or university.

Do you remember when you first went to school or college or started work? Was it a good experience? Do you look back with fondness or would you rather forget it? Bad experiences can affect people for a very long time, sometimes for their whole lives. That's why it is important that we all help our children and young people have the best experiences possible, because they are very precious. Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a real blessing. Psalm 127:3 (Good News Translation)

You might not have any children, but you may be an auntie or uncle, or a neighbour to a family, or a friend. Do help our young people have good experiences that they will remember with joy and affection. Be a listening ear when they need to talk. Pray for them, they grow up so fast.

Big birthdays might be celebrated but when all is said and done 70 is just a number. Am I bothered? Nah! Enjoy the rest of September.

Blessings, Sue Elliott - Pastoral Assistant

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



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.

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

<u>Tiny Tots Toybox</u>
 Thursdays 1.30 – 3pm for children from birth to 5 years with their parents or carers at HT Coxheath

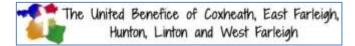
Little Angels

Fridays $1-2.30 \mu$ 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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