

Pastoral Letter for November 2025

For many of us November is the month of reflection and looking back. This is probably because of Remembrance Day on the 11th, and this year on the 9th Remembrance Sunday. Both these days provide the opportunity for us to reflect on all those who have died in the first and second world wars – those ancestors that we may never have known – as well as remembering those who have died in the many other conflicts that have happened since. This seems particularly poignant when, as I write, our news is full of the potential for the end to the war in Gaza. By the time you read this there may be peace....we can only hope! And that's the point, as we look back at the names of those who've lost their lives in conflicts we can be filled with sadness but also with hope. The hope that this time maybe things will be different, this time maybe we *will* learn the lessons and not inflict pain and suffering on others again.

The names of those who've died may be engraved on a stone monument for all to see, or they may be engraved solely on your heart, but wherever those names are, as we look back, we can be grateful for the sacrifices that brought peace to the nations again.

This time of looking back, reflecting on the past, gives us the opportunity to think how we can affect the world and make it a better place on an individual scale. Not many of us can affect governments directly, but we can take responsibility for our own actions. We can choose to treat those we meet with kindness, we can choose to treat others with respect, we can choose the words we use and the way we say things and very soon, if we all begin to treat others the way we would like to be treated we may find that the world is becoming a better place to live.

For Christians this is choosing to live our lives like Jesus, calling out injustice and unkindness whilst treating others with care and respect, putting their needs before our own. It's not an easy choice to make in a world that seems to value self above all others.

But just as the butterfly effect says that small actions can have consequences miles away, maybe, just maybe, we can create a cascade of kindness spreading out across the world that everyone can join in with.... it's got to be worth a try, hasn't it?

Written with hope, Becky

To find out more information about our Benefice and five Benefice Churches go to www.unitedbenefice.church

December News Letter If you have an item for the letter, please contact Marian on 743977 or david.marian@btinternet.com **BEFORE Wednesday 26th November**

Holy Trinity Church November 2025



Sunday 2nd November	Holy Communion	All Saints
11.00am		Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner
Readings: Daniel 7 v1-3, 15-18, Ephesians 1 v11-23, Luke 6 v20-31		
Sunday 9th November	Remembrance Sunday	
10.45am		Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner
Readings: Job 19 v23-27a, 2 Thessalonians 2 v1-5, 13-17, Luke 20 v27-38		
Sunday 16th November	Holy Communion	
11.00am		Led by: Rev Lorna & Natalie Croft
Readings: Malachi 4 v1-2a, 2 Thessalonians 3 v6 -13, Luke 21 v5-19		
<u>Giving Sunday Supporting Making Miracles</u>		
Sunday 23rd November	All Age Worship	Christ the King
11.00am		Led by: All Age Team
Readings: Preachers Choice		
Sunday 30th November	Benefice Communion	Advent Sunday
10.30am	Hunton Church	Led by: Archdeacon Nick

Every Thursday 10am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Coxheath

2nd Wednesday of the month 12 noon Holy Communion at Linton

Contact Details

Rector Revd. Lorna Faulkner 01622 747570

Revd. David Jones Hon. Associate Rector 01622 741474

Diary Dates

Tuesdays at Holy Trinity Brew and a Bite

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.

Sunday 2nd November Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance 3pm at Holy Trinity, Coxheath

Each year we hold a service in one of the churches in the benefice to give thanks and remembrance for people whose funeral services we have taken in the benefice or at Vinters Park Crematorium in the past years. We invite relatives and friends to the service from the registers over the last two years and extend the invitation via the monthly newsletters to anyone else whose relatives would like to add names to the list of names read out. If you would like a name added please contact Rev David Jones with the name you wish to be remembered **before the end of October** email at davidjones.coxheath@gmail.com

Saturday 8th November 10.00am – 12.00noon 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 Parish Council to chat with.
All welcome

November Saturday Coffee Morning

There will be a Christmas Gifts Stall at the November coffee morning. If you have any unwanted new or 'good as new' gifts that you would like to donate, please hand to Mags Poole

December Saturday Coffee Morning

The Christmas food and drink raffle will be held at this coffee morning. Any donations for prizes please hand to Mags Poole or Sandra Baker

Sunday 9th November Soup on Sunday

This will be held after the morning service and the usual refreshments. Please consider inviting someone who might be on their own for Sunday lunch.

Friday 14th November 7.15 for 7.30pm start Talk by Mike Marsh: Sea Shells and Ships, a brief look at Britain's Maritime Heritage and how the Shell Oil company began and developed. Holy Trinity Church Coxheath, refreshments available. Open to all.

Sunday 16th November Giving Sunday

Giving Sunday supporting the work of Making Miracles

Tuesday 25th November 10.00am – 12noon

Community Coffee Morning at St Nicholas, Linton. All Welcome

Other News and Information

Benefice Kids – Bible Brick Builders This is a new club starting on the 2nd October running from after school until 5pm at Holy Trinity, Coxheath. The club is suitable for children in school years 1 - 6. To book a place (only 20 available) and for more information please email becky.thecat@btopenworld



Suggestions for Giving Sunday Charities Do you have any suggestions for our Giving Sundays? We are looking for 2 new charities which we will support for three years. If you do, please fill in a nomination form which you will find at the back of the church and place the slip in an envelope which you will find by the forms. When completed please place in the box alongside the forms and envelopes. The final date for nominations is **Sunday 16th November.**

Group Details

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

Children's Work - Becky Parnham 07949 646865

Men's Prayer Group – Mike Marsh 07595 428639

Ladies Prayer Group – Dawn

Beacon Men – Steve Poole 07904 212245

Mothers' Union – Margaret Poole 07729 176762 or

Lesley Marsh 07814 817204

Benefice Safeguarding Officer - Margaret Poole 07729 176762

Benefice Services

	9.30am	
Sunday 2nd November	East Farleigh Hunton	Morning Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 9th November	West Farleigh Linton	10.45 Remembrance
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Sunday 16th November	East Farleigh Hunton	Holy Communion Family Service
Sunday 23rd November	West Farleigh Linton	Morning Worship Holy Communion