

Pastoral Letter for January 2026

Happy New Year!

As I walk into this New Year I could make a million resolutions – ranging from the mundane (be more creative, bake cakes, remember to put the bins out every week, mow the lawn more than once this year, go proper food shopping once in a while) to the more meaningful (choose a better attitude, be more intentional with my time, speak less, love more.)

The likelihood is that most of them won't even get off the starting blocks. But I might write a list at some point. Just to make it feel like I am trying.

I do love a list. In the jumpity-round chaos that so often makes up my thought processes, the humble list is my happy place.

So, I decided I would at least start the year on a positive note: With a list (to remind me why writing a list might help me achieve some of my aims!) Here we go...

1) Lists are solid. Thoughts are fleeting. But a list? I can see that. I can't forget I need to do something if it's written down before my eyes (can I?)

2) Lists are a positive action. Even if I can't face doing something, at least I have acknowledged it needs doing. On some days, that's progress!

3) Lists bring order. They are like a map. I can see where I am and where I need to be and what I need to do to get there.

4) Lists are encouraging. A list with everything crossed off is a reminder that life does shift and move and that, even if it's one thing at a time, things can change!

5) Ticking things off a list feels good.

I wonder what is on your list for 2026? What are you looking forward to?

What are you hoping will change this year?

Whatever it is, I hope that you meet joy along the road - in the big things and the small. And I hope you can face difficult things with the assurance of love around you.

Happy New Year. Be blessed.

Lorna

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

28th January

Holy Trinity Church

January 2026



... and the star that they had seen went ahead of them.



Sunday 4th January Holy Communion 2nd Sunday of Christmas

11.00am

Led by: Rev Clinton Davis

Readings: Jeremiah 31 v7-14, Ephesians 1 v3-14, John 1 v(1-9),10-18

Sunday 11th January Morning Worship 1st Sunday after Epiphany

11.00am

Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner

Readings: Isaiah 42 v1-9, or Acts 10 v34-43, Matthew 3 v13-end

Sunday 18th January Holy Communion 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

11.00am

Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner

Readings: Isaiah 49 v1-7, 1 Corinthians 1 v1-9, John 1 v29-42

Giving Sunday Supporting Maidstone Street Pastors

Sunday 25th January All Age Worship 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

11.00am

Led by: All Age Team

Readings: Preachers Choice

We offer a warm welcome to everyone and invite you to stay after the Sunday service for refreshments, which are served at the back of the church.

Every Thursday 10am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Coxheath

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

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.

Dementia Group On the first Tuesday of the month Age UK are now holding a dementia group drop in gathering for tea and coffee between 1 – 3pm in the church. No need to book but if you would like more information please contact Tracy at Age UK on 01622 753618

Saturday 10th January 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

The December coffee morning and Christmas Raffle raised £342 for church funds. Thank you to those who advertise, organise, bake, serve refreshments, donate bric-a-brac and raffle prizes and support throughout the year.

Sunday 11th January 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.

Sunday 18th January Giving Sunday supporting Maidstone Street Pastors

Tuesday 27th January 10.00am – 12noon

Community Coffee Morning at St Nicholas, Linton. All Welcome

Other News and Information

Benefice Kids – Bible Brick Builders This club will now be running into the new year. It's held 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

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

Christmas Celebrations

Thank you to those who prepared and led the services over Christmas and for those involved with the carol singing at the lighting of the village Christmas Lights. The Christmas message, music and carols being appreciated and enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who donated towards the Christmas flowers, helped to decorate and prepare the church for Christmas. Let us pray that the Christmas Message reached out to everyone who came along.

Giving at Christmas Services

Thank you to those who donated to the charity collections at the Christmas services to support the work of Demelza Children's Hospice and The Heart of Kent Hospice. £800.00 was gifted which has been shared between the two charities.

PCC Meetings and Minutes

If you are interested in the workings of the PCC and the things that are discussed copies of the minutes are displayed at the rear of the Church. If you would like any further details from the individual reports that are referred to please contact Helen Gregson, PCC Secretary 01622 741501

Prayer Chain and Thinking of You Cards

The Benefice has a prayer chain which prays confidentially for anyone who asks for prayer. If you know of anyone who would like prayer please check that they are happy to have their name passed on and please assure them that all remains confidential within the church prayer group.

If you know of anyone in our congregation at HT who has been ill, is moving away, has suffered a bereavement or is no longer able to get to church a card can be sent from our church family at Holy Trinity.

The contact person for the prayer chain and thinking of you cards is Marian 01622 743977 or david.marian@btinternet.com

*The Lord gives his people strength. The Lord
blesses them with peace. Psalm 29 v11*

	Benefice Services 9.30am	
Sunday 4th January	East Farleigh Hunton	Morning Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 11th January	West Farleigh Linton	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Sunday 18th January	East Farleigh Hunton	Holy Communion Family Service
Sunday 25th January	West Farleigh Linton	Morning Worship Holy Communion