

Pastoral Letter for February 2026

You may be familiar with the classic children's story Pollyanna. In this charming tale, a young orphan, the child of missionaries, is sent to live with relatives in a small American town.

Pollyanna has a unique way of managing the things life throws at her. It's called the Glad Game. She chooses to find something be glad about in every situation. Even being glad that she was punished by being given bread and milk in the kitchen with the maid instead of dinner – because she likes bread and milk - and she also likes the maid.

She shares this philosophy with all sorts of folk in the town – including the more difficult ones – and even thaws the frosty heart of her strict guardian, Aunt Polly.

When Pollyanna loses the uses of her legs in an accident, even she can't find anything to be glad about, but, slowly, the people whose lives she has brightened in the town come and see her and encourage her to rediscover her spark. She blesses them, and they bless her right back.

What a lovely message about the difference we can make to one another in our communities - if we make time to notice, to care and to engage.

I want to encourage us to look around our village communities this month.

What – and who - do we notice? What is there to be glad about? And how can we share that with others? Get a few neighbours together over a cup of something and chat about all the good things about your community (goodness knows we all spend enough time complaining about the things that aren't so great!)

I am writing the letter this month because I still haven't managed to get a rota out to the ministry team. And, do you know what? I am glad I was disorganised because I've cheered myself right up.

Hoping for a positive and encouraging February for you all!

Lorna

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

March News Letter If you have an item for the letter, please contact Marian on 743977 or david.marian@btinternet.com **BEFORE Wednesday 25th February**

Holy Trinity Church

February 2026



Sunday 1st February Holy Communion 4th after Epiphany

11.00am

Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner

Readings: 1Kings 17 v8-16, 1Corinthians 1 v18-end, John 2 v1-11

Sunday 8th February Morning Worship 5th after Epiphany

11.00am

Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner

Readings: Genesis 1 v1-2.3 or Romans 8 v18-25, Matthew 6 v25-34

Sunday 15th February Holy Communion Last Sunday after Epiphany

11.00am

Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner

Readings: Exodus 24 v12-end, 2Peter 1 v16-end, Matthew 17 v1-9

Sunday 22nd February All Age Worship 1st Sunday of Lent

11.00am

Led by: All Age Team

Readings: Preachers Choice

Ash Wednesday Communion

18th February 6.30pm at Coxheath

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.
Memory Café On the first Tuesday of the month Age UK are now holding a Memory Café 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

Friday 6th February Beacon Men

Beacon Men will be meeting at **The Horseshoes Pub, Dean Street, East Farleigh on Friday 6th February 7 pm** onwards for a social drink and chat about our 2026 events programme. All welcome. Please contact Mike on 07595 428639 or beaconmen.coxheath@gamil.com for more information or if you would like transport.

Saturday 14th February 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

Wednesday 18th February 6.30pm Ash Wednesday Service at Coxheath

Thursday 19th February 2.00 – 4.00pm Crafternoon at Coxheath

Crafts and activities with cuppas and cakes for all the family.



No booking required.

Tuesday 24th February 10.00am – 12noon

Community Coffee Morning at St Nicholas, Linton. All Welcome

Friday 6th March 10.00am World Day of Prayer at Coxheath

Our Benefice Churches join together with the Linton Road Free Church for this annual service. The service is entitled '**I will give you rest, come**' and has been prepared by Christian women of Nigeria. For more information, please speak to Marian S (01622 743977) All are very welcome and there will be refreshments following the service.

Other News and Information

Lent Courses

Lent Courses will be held in the Benefice. Lorna will be giving details at the Sunday services and she would love us to be involved.

January Giving Sunday for Street Pastors

£350 has been donated to the Street Pastors which included a gift from church funds. Thank you to all those who donated.

Group details

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

Children's Work - Becky Parnham 07949 646865

- Tiny Tots Toybox Thursdays 1.30 – 3.00pm for children from birth to 5 years with their parents or carers at HT Coxheath
- Little Angels Fridays 1.00 – 2.30pm for children from birth to 5 years with their parents and carers at West Farleigh
- Bible Brick Builders after school club Thursdays after school until 5.00pm for children in school years 1-6 at HT Coxheath
- Bible Babble 1st Sunday of every month 7.30 - 9.00pm at HT Coxheath for young people, school year 6 and upwards
- Brew and a Bite Youth Group Tuesdays 5.30 – 7.00pm at HT for young people in school years 7 -13 Contact Jen Tobin

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 1767

	Benefice Services 9.30am	
Sunday 1 st February	East Farleigh	Morning Worship
	Hunton	Holy Communion
Sunday 8 th February	West Farleigh	Holy Communion
	Linton	Morning Worship
Sunday 15 th February	East Farleigh	Holy Communion
	Hunton	Family Service
Sunday 22 nd February	West Farleigh	Morning Worship
	Linton	Holy Communion