

## Pastoral Letter for March 2026

Well, here we are already in the third month of the year! How did that happen? January seemed to drag forever and then February rushed by in the blink of an eye and then Whoomp! here's March! Or is it just me?

March marks a significant turning point in the UK calendar. It is the month where we finally say goodbye to the short, dark days of winter and welcome the first signs of spring. For many, this transition brings a sense of renewal and optimism. Maybe this is a better time to start making those 'New Years Resolutions' than in the darkness of January?

However, March 2026 is not just about the changing weather. It is a busy month packed with important national days, cultural observances, and global celebrations.

St David and St Patrick have their celebration days, Mothering Sunday is on the 15<sup>th</sup>; there's World Book Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> (look out for children going to school in fancy dress!), International Women's Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> and Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) on the 20<sup>th</sup> to name just a few of the events.

One that made me chuckle when I found out about it is world PI Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> – a celebration of Mathematics chosen because the equation for PI starts 3.14.....

March seems to be a month full of things to celebrate. If you scour the internet long enough there's almost something for every day of the month – local, national and international celebrations, both sacred and secular.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> we will be changing the clocks to British Summer time – remember to 'Spring' forward an hour!

However, it's also Palm Sunday, so in the church we will be remembering Jesus' entrance to Jerusalem when the crowds gathered and welcomed him with shouts of Hallelujah and waved palm branches. So, should you see scurrying shrubbery hurrying down the streets on the 29<sup>th</sup> your eyes probably aren't deceiving you, don't be alarmed, it's most likely a churchgoer who's forgotten to change their clocks before going to bed and is rushing to join in the celebrations!

So, Happy March everyone, whatever and however you are celebrating.

Becky

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To find out more information about our Benefice and five Benefice Churches go to [www.unitedbenefice.church](http://www.unitedbenefice.church)

**April News Letter** If you have an item for the letter, please contact Marian on 743977 or [david.marian@btinternet.com](mailto:david.marian@btinternet.com) **BEFORE Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

## Holy Trinity Church

### March 2026



<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b> <b>11.00am</b> Readings: Genesis 12 v1-4a, Romans 4 v1-5, 13-17, John 3 v1-17	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>11.00am</b> Readings: Exodus 17 v1-7 <u>or</u> Romans 5 v1-11, John 4 v5-42	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>11.00am</b> Readings: Exodus 2 v1-10, 2 Corinthians 1 v3-7, Luke 2 v33-35 <u>Giving Sunday</u>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b> 	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Led by: Rev Lorna
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> <b>11.00am</b> Readings: Preachers Choice	<b>All Age Worship</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Led by: All Age Team
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>10.30am</b> at Linton Church (no service at Coxheath)	<b>Benefice Palm Sunday Communion</b>	

Set your clocks forward one hour

Don't forget to put your **clocks forward** on Saturday evening 28<sup>th</sup> March

Every Thursday 10am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Coxheath

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 '**1 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.

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 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.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 9 am- 10am. Holy Trinity Church.** Annual meeting of the "Men's Flower Arranging Guild " to prepare Mothering Sunday flowers. Please come along for any time you can spare with some garden greenery if you have it. Ladies welcome too.

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am – 12.00noon Holy Trinity Church Coffee Morning and Easter Food and Drink Raffle at the Scout HQ, Westerhill Road

Admission £1 which includes free tea/coffee and biscuits. Cakes, bric-a-Brac and cards for sale. There are usually members of the Parish Council to chat with. All welcome  
Donations of Food or Drink for the Easter Raffle would be gratefully received and can be left in the box at the back of the church or handed to Sandra Baker or Mags Poole by 8<sup>th</sup> March



### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March Giving Sunday supporting the Princess Project

### Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> 12noon Holy Trinity Church

### **Coxheath Area Mothers' Union meeting open to all.**

We will be having an informative talk, for the community, which will cover topics relating to Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Inheritance Tax, Care Fees, and Sideways disinheritance. The speaker 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 you to join us. There will be food, tea/coffee (no charge.) for more info, and for catering purposes and further information Contact Lesley 07814 817204 or Mags 07729 176762

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March Beacon Men event

Mens Breakfast **8.30 am** at The Ridge Golf Club, Chartway Street, Sutton Valence ME17 3JB. To book in please contact Mike on 07595 428639 or email [beaconmen.coxheath@gmail.com](mailto:beaconmen.coxheath@gmail.com). Help with transport available <https://www.theridge.co.uk>

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am – 12noon

Community Coffee Morning at St Nicholas, Linton. All Welcome

### Other News and Information

#### Easter Flowers and Memorial Page

This Easter we will be decorating the church with lilies and spring flowers. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one and have their name written on a memorial page, then please contact Sandra Baker by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at the latest

#### Rochester Cathedral until Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Large Sperm Whale sculptures and music with displays reflecting on man's ecological input on the world's climate. Free admission during the day. For opening times please see the Cathedral website.

#### Revision of Holy Trinity Church Electoral Roll

For anyone who is not already on the Church Electoral Roll, but would like to be, registration forms will be available at the back of the church from Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March or can be collected at the Benefice Service. Forms will need to be completed by **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April** and handed to Marian Simpson 743977. The Electoral Roll is then closed until after the Annual Meeting which is being held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Group details

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 or Lesley Marsh

Benefice Safeguarding Officer - Margaret Poole 07729 1767

	<b>Benefice Services 9.30am</b>	
Sunday <b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>East Farleigh</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>Hunton</b>	Holy Communion
Sunday <b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>West Farleigh</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>Linton</b>	Morning Worship
Sunday <b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>East Farleigh</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>Hunton</b>	Family Service
Sunday <b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>West Farleigh</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>Linton</b>	Holy Communion
Sunday <b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Benefice Palm Sunday at Linton 10.30am</b>	