

Pastoral Letter for April 2026

April is here and Easter comes on the first weekend.

Bunnies and daffodils and chicks and chocolate. What's not to love? A celebration of new life, new hope and the return of the sunshine (we hope!) In the church, we celebrate the ultimate new start – the resurrection of Jesus. A miracle some (understandably) find so hard to believe could ever have truly happened. And it does seem unlikely... impossible...

But then, I look at a tree that has been bare and lifeless all winter, or the layer of muddy leaves that fill my favourite flower bed in the colder months... and I watch something extraordinary happen: The brown twigs slowly develop tiny little leaf shoots that unfold into fresh green growth and the spiky leaves of lupins appear (always more this year than last.) My peony pushes through the mud and stones (always a miracle to me because I always think this will be the year I finally failed it...)

I venture out with my border collie and the ground is drying up and the woods are full of green shoots and the bluebells erupt from the undergrowth. The orchards burst back to life and blossom appears and before I know it, the landscape is transformed.

I look at the magic that happens in spring; the miracles that unfold and shoot and sprout and grow before our very eyes... well, then I am confident in the existence of a creator who could bring life to anything, in the blink of an eye. Romans 1:20 says this: *'God's eternal power and character cannot be seen. But from the beginning of creation, God has shown what these are like by all he has made.'*

The miracle of new life is all around us in nature. And Christians believe that all we see in nature points to who God is and what God can do.

Enjoy the new life that bursts out around us; and, maybe, as you enjoy the wonder of nature, you might allow yourself to wonder about the God who made it; the new life we celebrate in Jesus and what that might mean for you.

Love and blessings,

Lorna

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May News Letter If you have an item for the letter, please contact Marian on 743977 or david.marian@btinternet.com **BEFORE Wednesday 22nd April**

Holy Trinity Church

April 2026



Sunday 5th April

Holy Communion

Easter Day

11.00am

Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner

Readings: Psalm 118 v1-2,14-24, Acts 10 34-43, Matthew 28 v1-10

Alleluia



He is Risen

Sunday 12th April

Morning Worship

2nd Sunday of Easter

11.00am

Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner

Readings: Acts 2 v14a,22-32 **or** 1Peter 1v3-9, John 20 v19-end

Sunday 19th April

Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of Easter

11.00am

Led by: Rev Lorna and Becky Parnham

Readings: Acts 2 v14a, 36-41, 1 Peter 1 v17-23, Luke 24 v13-35

Sunday 26th April

All Age Worship

4th Sunday of Easter

11.00am

Led by: All Age Team

Readings: Preachers Choice

- **Maundy Thursday** 2nd April 7pm at Hunton
- **Good Friday** 3rd April An Hour on the Cross
2 – 3pm at Coxheath

Every Thursday 10am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Coxheath apart from Maundy Thursday

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 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

30th March Reflection 1, 31st March Reflection 2, 1st of April Reflection 3 7pm-7.30pm Zoom Holy Week Reflections.

For more details and to log into Zoom www.unitedbenefice.church

Thursday 2nd April 7pm Maundy Thursday Service at Hunton

Friday 3rd April 2.00-3.00pm Good Friday, An Hour on the Cross at Coxheath

Saturday 4th April 3.00 – 5.00pm Messy Easter at Linton Church

Explore the Easter story through crafts, activities and worshipping together. Suitable for all ages and there will also be food to enjoy

Thursday 9th April 2.00 – 4.00 pm Easter Crafternoon at Holy Trinity,

Coxheath Easter crafts and activities with cuppas and cakes for all the family. No booking required

Saturday 11th April 10.00am – 12.00noon Holy Trinity Church Coffee Morning

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



Wednesday 15th April Mothers' Union 150th Fundraising Event

We are hosting an afternoon of traditional board/card games in the small village hall from 2pm-4pm for all ages in the community.

Come along for an afternoon of fun and memories.

There will be a small entry charge, and tea/coffee biscuits.

For more information contact Mags or Lesley

Thursday 16th April Beacon Men 7pm onwards

Meet at The Cock Inn Pub, Boughton Monchelsea, 7pm onwards for a Pub Chat ' Brew and Belief' No need to book, just turn up for some good conversations over your favourite tippie. All welcome.

Need a lift? Please contact Mike on 07595 428639

Tuesday 28th April 10.00am – 12noon

Community Coffee Morning at St Nicholas, Linton. All Welcome

Other News and Information

Easter Cards

Cards are for sale at the back of the church costing 50p each or 5 for £2.00. The cards are made and sold in aid of church funds

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 29th March or can be collected at the Benefice Service.

Forms will need to be completed by **Sunday 19th April** and handed to Marian Simpson 743977. The Electoral Roll is then closed until after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which is being held on Sunday 10th May. Being on the Electoral Roll entitles you to vote and take part at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Holy Trinity Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 10th May

Please do come to this annual meeting to find out more about the life and work at Holy Trinity.

Nomination forms for church wardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod Reps will be at the back of the church. Please think about whether this is something you would be willing to consider and for more information please speak to Jen Tobin (church warden) or Rev Lorna. Please hand nomination forms to Helen Gregson (PCC secretary) or if she isn't available then to Jen Tobin.

Giving to the Princess Project

Thank you to all those who donated at this Giving Sunday. £252 was given which included a donation from church funds.

	Benefice Services 9.30am	
Sunday 5th April Easter Day	West Farleigh Linton Hunton (11am)	Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday 12th April	West Farleigh Linton	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Sunday 19th April	East Farleigh Hunton	Holy Communion Family Service and APCM
Sunday 26th April	West Farleigh Linton	Morning Worship and APCM Holy Communion