



St Nicholas Linton March 2026

Services at Linton

Sunday 22nd February - Lent 1

9.30am Holy Communion in Linton

Sunday 8th March 2026 – Lent 3

9.30am Morning Worship at Linton

Wednesday 11th March 2026

12 noon - Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd March 2026 – Lent 5

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

Sunday 29th March 2026 - Palm Sunday

10.30am Benefice Communion at Linton

and around the Benefice

Sunday 22nd February – Lent 1

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am All Age Worship at Coxheath

Sunday 1st March 2026 – Lent 2

9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 8th March 2026 – Lent 3

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

Sunday 15th March - Lent 4

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

9.30am Family Service at Hunton

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 22nd March – Lent 5

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am All Age Worship at Coxheath

Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Coxheath Church

Tuesdays 24th February and 24th March

10am to 12 noon

Linton Community Coffee Morning
in Church.



LENT 2026



This year we will be following the Church of England's Lent reflections: **Draw Near; Life-giving habits for Lent.** There are several groups meeting in the Benefice. **In Linton there is a lunchtime meeting on Wednesdays starting on Wednesday 25th February at 12 noon which will meet at Forge Cottage.** Please let Kath know if you would like to come along to this. We hope to provide a light lunch. On Wednesday 11th March this will coincide with the monthly midweek communion service which will take place as usual at 12 noon and the Lent Course will follow.

There are also resources that go with the reflections for weekly lent groups which can be found at cofe.io/DrawNear.



Friday 6th March - World Day of Prayer

10am Our Benefice Churches join together with the Linton Road Free Church for this annual service at Holy Trinity, Coxheath.

The service is entitled 'I will give you rest, come' and has been prepared by Christian women of Nigeria. All are very welcome and there will be refreshments following the service.

Saturday 14th March

10am to 12 noon Mothering Sunday flower baskets craft session. Following on from the Christmas wreaths craft morning, Donna will be helping us make some lovely baskets. Please let Kath know (07876 101390) if you would like to join in.

Pastoral Letter from Licensed Lay Minister and Children & Families' Worker

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 15th; there's World Book Day on the 5th (look out for children going to school in fancy dress!), International Women's Day on the 8th and Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) on the 20th 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 14th – 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 29th 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 29th 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**

Memory Café On the first Tuesday of the month, 3rd March, Age UK are now holding a drop in gathering for tea and coffee between 1 – 3pm in Holy Trinity Coxheath. No need to book but if you would like more information please contact Tracy on 01622 753618

Brew and Bite at Holy Trinity Coxheath

We are open during school term times every Tuesday 12 noon-7pm. From 5.30 – 7pm 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

Benefice Kids – Bible Brick Builders 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



We have a Give-a-little account to enable web donations to St Nicholas Church. As we don't have any mobile or internet signal in the church

we are unable to have a 'sum-up' box, but if you click on the link or the QR code it will take you to our Give-a-little page for donations.



<https://givealittle.co/c/xxwq1j2vTAIepiHL878wE>

Second-hand book library in St Nicholas

If you love it, keep it. £1

If it's a good read, swap it for another. 50p

Donations welcome

Since 2023 we have raised £77 from selling books in our library back to 'World of Books'. Thank you!

St Nicholas Linton is registered with

easyfundraising. This month we have received a pay-out of £34.74 from Easy Fundraising from those who have signed up to shop online with them. THANK YOU! Why not join in and sign up and help St



Nicholas Church for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use **easyfundraising** to shop online with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-nicholas-linton>

BENEFACTORS CONTACTS

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Benefice Safeguarding Officer - Margaret Poole

Our Benefice and five Benefice Churches website is

www.unitedbenefice.church

