



St Nicholas Linton May 2026

Services at Linton

Sunday 26th April

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

Sunday 10th May

9.30am Morning Worship at Linton

Wednesday 13th May

12 noon - Holy Communion in Linton Church

Sunday 24th May – PENTECOST

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

and around the Benefice

Sunday 3rd May

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

9.30am Morning Worship & APCM at East Farleigh

Sunday 10th May

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship & APCM at Coxheath

Sunday 17th May

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

9.30am Family Service and Baptism at Hunton

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 24th April - PENTECOST

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am All Age Worship at Coxheath

Sunday 31st May – TRINITY SUNDAY

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at West Farleigh

Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Coxheath Church

Linton Community Coffee Mornings in Church Tuesdays 28th April & 26th May

Linton Community Coffee Mornings are held on the last Tuesday of the month from 10am to 12 noon, in the Church. Why not give us a go! Hot bacon rolls, homemade cakes and a friendly welcome. If you've not been before you will get a free cup of coffee!!



St Nicholas Linton Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Thursday 21st May at 3pm

Please do come to this annual meeting to find out more about the life and work at St Nicholas Church. Nomination forms for church wardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod Reps are available. Is this something you would be willing to consider? For more information please speak to Kath Cooper (church warden) or Rev Lorna.

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 available – please ask Kath.

Saturday 9th May

10am – 12 noon 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



Sunday 10th May Soup on Sunday

at Holy Trinity Coxheath after the usual refreshments and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. All welcome and please consider inviting someone who might be on their own for Sunday lunch.



Saturday 16th May Beacon Men Breakfast

8.15am in the Scout HQ Westerhill Road, Coxheath. Speaker Rev Simon Rowlands, former Army Pastor, Camp Bastion Afghanistan. Invites and details at the back of church. To book in please contact beaconmen.coxheath@gmail.com

Wednesday 20th May Mothers' Union Mothers' Union members, and friends, meet together at 12noon, for Corporate Communion, in Holy Trinity Coxheath, followed by Bring and Share lunch. Contact Mags for venue.

Linton's famous Strawberry Cream Teas Save the date

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE from 2.30 – 5pm
In St Nicholas Church Linton

Pastoral Letter from the Rev David Jones

Dear Readers

We live in turbulent times and in one sense I am concerned about what to say this month. Things are changing fast. The delay between writing this letter and you reading it means that things may have changed far more rapidly than normal. Over the years we have been fortunate to have periods of stability but at other times life has been uncertain. This is the way life is and has always been.

I have very few letters from my father to my mother but the few I have are all around the time of my birth – the darkest days for World War II. In one letter my father writes of the uncertainty of the world that I was being born into and prayed that I would grow up trusting in the faithfulness of God and not in the 'strength of mankind to solve world difficulties' Two months later my father died of cancer so I was never able to experience the strength of his conviction in a faith based upon Jesus Christ.

Today, as I write, times are once again uncertain. Nothing really changes, does it? Today the moon travellers return safely, the weather changes from the two wonderfully summery days to the 'normal' for this time of year. The talks to solve the middle east war have proved fruitless and new threats have been exchanged. Ukraine and Russia promise a cease-fire over the Orthodox Churches Easter before no doubt fighting recommences. Elsewhere there will be things going on as yet unreported and of course in the next few weeks we will be plunged into promises of a better world with the local elections. (pot holes filled and bins emptied?) ... continued over

David's Pastoral letter continued...

What therefore do you want me to say in this letter? All will be well, put your faith in the risen Jesus of Easter and all will be well? No, but I will support my father's view that we ought to put our trust in Jesus Christ, not to get us out of trouble but for us to know that he is our constant companion and guide through the uncertainties of life. In these last few days thoughts of my childhood, growing up in the days after the war, the songs I learnt at Sunday School have come flooding back. We sang simple choruses, not just words but sentences with meaning. The reoccurring one in recent days went like this. 'Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in to his wonderful face, and the things on earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of his glory and grace. *

By the time you read this letter, heaven only knows what will have happened. I look forward to the June letter to learn. David

**Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" (the first line of its chorus), is a hymn written by Helen Howarth Lemmel. Lemmel was physically blind when she wrote this hymn. It was inspired by a tract entitled Focused, written by the missionary Isabella Lilius Trotter.*

Brew and Bite at Holy Trinity Coxheath

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

Memory Café On the first Tuesday of the month, 5th May, Age UK are 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

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!



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>

Benefice Pastoral Support Team

We are a small group of Christians who express our faith through supporting the pastoral ministry in the Benefice. We are ordinary folk who have been trained and hold current DBS certificates.

What we do:

- We visit people. Some may just need someone to listen, others may welcome some company.
- We provide follow up for Baptisms, with visits on the 1st and 2nd anniversary.
- We pray for those we are in contact with, and pray for the team.
- We keep information confidential.
- We minister with the authority of the Rector and are accountable to her.

If you would like more information or a visit from the team please telephone 07437 544229 to speak to one of us. If there is no answer please leave your name and number. We will get back to you just as soon as we can. *A new commandment I give unto you, love one another as I have loved you.* John 13.34-35

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BENEFICE CONTACTS

Rev. Lorna Faulkner, Rector 01622 747570

Rev. David Jones, 01622 741474

Kath Cooper, Linton Churchwarden: 07876 101390

Benefice Group Details and Contacts

Children's Work - Becky Parnham 07949 646865

Held during school term times.

- Tiny Tots Toybox Thursdays 1.30 – 3pm at HT Coxheath
- Little Angels 1 -2.30 pm at West Farleigh Church
- Bible Brick Builders after school club at HT Coxheath. Children in school years 1 – 6
- Bible Babble 1st Sunday of the month 7.30 – 9pm at HT Coxheath. School years 6 and upwards

Brew and a Bite Youth Group – Jen Tobin
Tuesdays 5pm – 6.30pm for Young People in school years 7 - 13

Men's Prayer Group – Mike Marsh 07595 428639

Ladies Prayer Group – Dawn Burnell

Beacon Men – Steve Poole 07904 212245

Mothers' Union – Margaret Poole or Lesley Marsh

Benefice Safeguarding Officer - Margaret Poole 07729 176762

Our Benefice and five Benefice Churches website is

www.unitedbenefice.church



The United Benefice of Coxheath, East Farleigh,
Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh