

Pastoral Letter for July 2026

Dear friends,

The weather that Lorna mentioned in last month's newsletter, written in the middle of May, was wet and chilly. Little did she know that we would be having a record-breaking heatwave during the next two weeks! Today, as I write the July newsletter, rather early in June, it is finally a wet rainy day. The gardens will be pleased, and the cooler temperature will be welcomed by many, I'm sure! I suspect that South-East Water will be pleased, too.

Water – something we all need but unfortunately, of late, many in our villages have not been getting a regular supply of. We do, however, have bottled water available to us, though rather too much for one or two vulnerable elderly folks I know, who have had huge numbers of bottles delivered to their doors! Spare a thought, though, for people throughout the world who have to walk to collect water from dirty ponds and rivers.

2.2 billion people (over 1 in 4) lack access to safely managed drinking water. According to the WaterAid charity, the average distance that women and children have to walk to get water is 5 kilometres, and water is very heavy, isn't it?!

So, as the summer approaches, let's enjoy the nature that's all around us, fed and nourished by the rain. We are fortunate in these villages to be surrounded by beautiful countryside. Go for walks with friends; perhaps take a picnic to share. Don't forget to call in on elderly neighbours to make sure that they are keeping cool and hydrated in hot weather.

Family outings are so expensive but a picnic in a park with a playground is affordable. Don't forget hats and sunscreen – oh, and an umbrella in case it rains!

All good wishes,
Sue Elliott – Pastoral Assistant

(Some words that you may wish to ponder, spoken by Jesus to a woman at a well during a conversation when he asked her for a drink. John, Chapter 4. "Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.")

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

Holy Trinity Church July 2026



Sunday 5th July 11.00am Readings: Ezekiel 2 v1-5, 2 Corinthians 12 v2-10, Mark 6 v1-13	Holy Communion	6th after Pentecost Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner
Sunday 12th July 11.00am Readings: Amos 7 v7-15, <u>or</u> Ephesians 1 v3-14, Mark 6 v14-29	Morning Worship	7th after Pentecost Led by: Becky Parnham
Sunday 19th July 11.00am Readings: Jeremiah 23 v1-6, Ephesians 2 v11-22, Mark 6 v30-34, 53-56 Giving Sunday supporting Blackthorn Trust	Holy Communion	8th after Pentecost Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner
Sunday 26th July 11.00am Readings: Preachers Choice	All Age Worship	9th after Pentecost Led by: All Age Team
<u>Every Thursday 10am</u> Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Coxheath		
<u>2nd Wednesday of the month 12 noon</u> Holy Communion at Linton		

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Contact Details

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Hon. Associate Rector Revd. David Jones 01622 741474
Benefice Safeguarding Officer - Margaret Poole 07729 176762

Diary Dates

Tuesdays at Holy Trinity Brew and a Bite

We are open during **school term times every Tuesday** 12 noon-6.30pm. From 5.00 – 6.30pm 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

Saturday 11th July 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



Sunday 12th July Soup on Sunday

This will be held after the usual refreshments. Please consider inviting someone who might be on their own for Sunday lunch.

Wednesday 15th July 12noon Mothers' Union Bring and Share Lunch for members and friends (wave of prayer) Contact Mags for venue

Sunday 19th July Giving Sunday

Giving Sunday supporting the work of Blackthorn Trust.

Tuesday 28th July 10.00am – 12noon

Community Coffee Morning at St Nicholas, Linton. All Welcome

Tuesday 18th August Holiday Club – Respectful Ruth

9.30am – 3.00pm, lunch included. A free event suitable for 6 – 11 year olds. For further details and booking email

becky.thecat@btopenworld.com



Other News and Information

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 displayed at the rear of the Church. If you would like any further details from the individual reports that are referred to please contact Helen Gregson, PCC Secretary 01622 741501

Group Details

Children's Work - Becky Parnham 07949 646865

Brew and a Bite and Youth Group – Jen Tobin

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

Rotas – Holiday Dates

Will anyone who is on the 'Services Rota' and will be on holiday or not available during the next few months please let Sandra Baker 745264 know so that you are not put on the rota during that time. Many thanks

Children's Society 'Thank You'

Many thanks to all box holders from Holy Trinity and St Nicholas, Linton for your continued support and generosity. The money raised during 2025 – 2026 was £390.60. If you would like to join this very small group of supporters and become a box holder for the Children's Society by collecting some of your change during the year, do please speak to Marian S 743977

Mothers' Union

We are raising money for the 150th Anniversary Fund.

Amanda Bird will be doing a sponsored swim of 150 lengths, in August, of Maidstone Leisure Centre pool, date to be confirmed. If anyone would like to sponsor Amanda and support our charity please contact Amanda, Mags, or Lesley,

So far we have raised £317 towards the diocese target of £1500 Thanks for support and generous donations for the Games afternoon and Afternoon Tea.



	Benefice Services 9.30am	
Sunday 5 th July	East Farleigh Hunton	Morning Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 12 th July	West Farleigh Linton	Holy Communion Morning Worship
Sunday 19 th July	East Farleigh Hunton	Holy Communion Family Service
Sunday 26 th July	West Farleigh Linton	Morning Worship Holy Communion