



St Nicholas Linton

July 2026

Services at Linton

Sunday 28th June

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

Wednesday 8th July

12 noon - Holy Communion in Linton Church

Sunday 12th July

9.30am Morning Worship at Linton

Sunday 26th July

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

and around the Benefice

Sunday 28th June

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am All-age Worship at Coxheath

Sunday 5th July

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 12th July

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

Sunday 19th July

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

9.30am Family Service at Hunton

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 26th July

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am All Age Worship at Coxheath

Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Coxheath Church

Linton Community Coffee Mornings in Church

Tuesdays 30th June & 28th July

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!!



Linton's famous Strawberry Cream Teas were held on SATURDAY 20TH JUNE. Thank you to everyone involved to make a lovely afternoon, raising £632 for church funds.

Pastoral Letter from Sue Elliott

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.")

Children's Society 'Thank You'

Many thanks to all box holders from St Nicholas, Linton and Holy Trinity, Coxheath 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 Jean Avery or phone Marian Simpson 743977

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 recently taken up the carpeting in the north aisle (probably about 60 years old!) to reveal floor boards. In order that we could decide what to do with the area, we have had the kitchen (rear vestry) floor stained and sealed as a test. We are very pleased with that and hope to get the north aisle and serving area at the back of the church similarly treated.

Thanks to Bernard Cresswell and his helpers (Ben and Theo) for disposing of the old carpet.

What's on at Holy Trinity Coxheath

Coffee morning on 2nd Saturday of the month. 10am – 12 noon at the Scout HQ, Westerhill Road
Admission £1 which includes free tea/coffee and biscuits.

Soup on Sunday, 2nd Sunday of every other month, after the service and usual refreshments. All welcome and please consider inviting someone who might be on their own for Sunday lunch. Next one is Sunday 12th July.

Brew and Bite at Holy Trinity Coxheath

We are open during school term times every Tuesday 12 noon- 6.30pm.

Memory Café On the first Tuesday of the month, 7th July, 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



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/xxwg1j2vTAIepiHL878wE>

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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

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 at Coxheath.

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