



St Nicholas Linton

August 2026

Services at Linton

Sunday 26th July

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th August

9.30am Morning Worship

Wednesday 12th August

12 noon - Holy Communion in Linton Church

Sunday 23rd August

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

and around the Benefice

Sunday 26th July

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am All Age Worship at Coxheath

Sunday 2nd August

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 9th August

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Brew and Brunch at Coxheath

Sunday 16th August

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

9.30am Family Service at Hunton

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 23rd August

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am Brew and Brunch at Coxheath

Sunday 30th August – Sabbath Sunday

8am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Coxheath Church

Linton Community Coffee Mornings in Church

Tuesdays 28th July & 25th August

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!!



Pastoral Letter from The Rector

I've just been sitting in one of the churches having a cup of tea and chatting to a few different folk. It was a real oasis in my day which has been packed full of emails and phone calls and organising. I returned home to write this letter to you all and found myself revitalised and a little more energetic to complete the rest of the tasks on my list for the day.

In another existence, I was a schoolteacher, and, as August approaches, I find myself naturally wanting to slow down and rest. It's been 6 years since I last had school summer holidays, but I find my mind and body are still locked into that gentle rhythm I lived within for many years as a child, student, parent, and a teacher...

In the Old Testament, one of the first things in creation to be established were patterns: light and dark, night and day... and what came with that was a rhythm of rest. God rested from his labours and commanded humanity to make time to do the same. In both the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic faiths, observing a regular day of rest, is a rhythm of life taught and encouraged. In other world religions, while there may be no formal day of the week given over to rest, reflection and stepping out of the busyness of everyday life is considered vital to human flourishing.

Science has proved the importance of rest – it is essential for our mental and physical health. When our bodies are resting and relaxed, our systems are able to do maintenance tasks, leading to improved blood pressure, better memory, better mental health, stronger immune systems... the list goes on.

It is often said that we are called human *beings*, not human *doings*... Whether it's a cruise or camping; a city-break or a country cottage; an hour in the garden or a quick coffee with friends... (an extra bit of sleep even!) the ability to 'just be' to exist – and yes, to rest is part of our design... we would all do well to enjoy it a bit more!

May moments of rest, relaxation, restoration, recharge, and reflection bless you this month.

Lorna

What's on at Holy Trinity Coxheath

Brew and a Bite will be closed during August but will resume again when the children return to school after the summer break. Why not try "Brew and Brunch" at Coxheath Church on 9th and 23rd August at 11am, which replaces the normal Sunday service.

Memory Café will still be open in August and September

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 8th August

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

Tuesday 18th August

Holiday Club – 'Right on Ruth' (Respectful Ruth)

9.30am – 3.00pm, lunch included.

A free event suitable for 6 – 11 year olds. details and booking email

becky.thecat@btopenworld.com





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>

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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

Saturday 1st – 29th August Art on the Delta at Rochester Cathedral

This is a major free summer exhibition at Rochester Cathedral bringing together contemporary art, free family activities, films and quieter moments of reflection. The exhibition is suitable for all ages. Please check the cathedral website for more details and opening times.



Ride and Stride -

Saturday 12th September

Once again St Nicholas Linton will be open from 10am to 5pm to welcome riders and striders as they explore Kent while helping to preserve its beautiful churches and chapels. Participants choose their own route and visit as many churches as they like, travelling by bike, on foot, by public transport, or even by car. Half of the sponsorship money they raise goes to their choice of church (Holy Trinity, Coxheath are participating) with the remaining half supporting the Friends of Kent Churches' grant programme for church conservation across the county.

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!

BENEFICE CONTACTS

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Kath Cooper, Linton Churchwarden: 07876 101390

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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