

Pastoral Letter for September 2026

Well, here we are, it's September, the first month of autumn. I'm writing this as we appear to be towards the end of a 5th heatwave and have experienced the 'joy' of hearing national wildfire alerts on our mobile phones as so many areas of our country have suffered losses caused by fires.

I'm hoping that things are a bit cooler by the time you are reading this, but fear that the pattern of our lives is going to have to become very different if we are to cope with ongoing weather extremes affecting us every year. I'm not a scientist, I don't know if it will be possible to reverse these changes and enjoy our temperate climate once again, but I do have hope that no matter what, if we work together we will be able to adapt to make life bearable for all.

I draw this hope from my faith and trust in Jesus. I believe that there is intrinsic good in each of us and that we are built to live in relationship with all. I know that not everyone shares my faith but I hope that everyone shares the strong desire to live a life that improves the world around them.

So here's to embracing changes, looking for the positives, and living in harmony with each other and the natural world.

Best wishes,
Becky

October News Letter If you have an item for the letter, please contact Marian on 743977 or david.marian@btinternet.com **BEFORE Wednesday 23rd September**

Holy Trinity Church September 2026



Sunday 6th September Holy Communion 15th after Pentecost

11.00am

Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner

Readings: Isaiah 55 v12-end, Collossians 1 v15-20, Matthew 8 v23-27

Sunday 13th September Morning Worship 16th after Pentecost

11.00am

Led by: Becky Parnham

Readings: Genesis 50 v15-21 or Romans 14 v1-12, Matthew 18 v21-35

Sunday 20th September Holy Communion 17th after Pentecost

11.00am

Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner

Readings: Jonah 3 v10-end of 4, Philippians 1 v21-end, Matthew 20 v1-16

Sunday 27th September Harvest Thanksgiving 18th after Pentecost

10.30am breakfast 11-00am All age Harvest Thanksgiving

Readings: Deuteronomy 28 v1-14, Luke 12 v16-30

Every Thursday 10am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Coxheath

2nd Wednesday of the month 12 noon Holy Communion at Linton

To find out more information about our Benefice and Five Benefice Churches go to www.unitedbenefice.church

Contact Details

Rector Revd. Lorna Faulkner 01622 747570

Hon. Associate Rector Revd. David Jones 01622 741474

Benefice Safeguarding Officer - Margaret Poole 07729 176762

Diary Dates

Brew and a Bite will resume again on the **8th September** when the children return to school after the summer break

Memory Café will be open on the 1st 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 5th September 2-6pm End of Summer Picnic at the Village Hall

This is a free event which is being organised by the Coxheath Parish Council and the Village Hall. The church will be having a stall as well as Mothers' Union. Please support this community event.

Saturday 12th September 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



Saturday 12th September 10.00am – 6.00pm Ride and Stride

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 you raise comes directly to Holy Trinity, with the remaining half supporting the Friends of Kent Churches' grant programme for church conservation across the county. If cycling or walking isn't for you, you can still get involved by volunteering as a church welcomer or helping to provide refreshments for participants. Please contact Helen Gregson, 01622 741501, if you would like a sponsorship form or to take part in any way.

Sunday 13th September Soup on Sunday

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

Wednesday 16th September 12noon Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union meet for a Bring and share lunch. Meeting is open to anyone. Contact Mags or Lesley for the venue.

Saturday 26th September 3.00 – 5.00pm 'Messy Harvest' at St Nicholas, Linton

A fun afternoon for families. Please let Becky Parnham on 07949 646865 know if you are planning to take your family along for planning and catering purposes.

Tuesday 29th September 10.00am – 12noon

Community Coffee Morning at St Nicholas, Linton. All Welcome

Friday 16th October Beacon Men Fish and Chip Night* at Holy Trinity Church **7pm start** Guest speaker, **Guy Bartlett** 'Who Won the Space Race?' See Guy's talks at: <https://www.guyinthesky.co.uk/Popular-Talks/> Ladies are welcome. **Please book in by Monday 12th October** Email: beaconmen.coxheath@gmail.com or call / text Mike on 07595 428639. *(Sausage /Vegetarian options)

Cost £14 F&C or £10 S&C

Other News and Information

Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Breakfast Sunday 27th September

From 10.30am there will be a buffet harvest breakfast served in the church before the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 11.00am. All are welcome.

Gifts of food will be collected at the service and donated to Homeless Care and for Families in Need (Knightrider Street) Any gifts will be gratefully received but these are some suggestions:- Tinned meals (stew, curry, pasta, soup etc) Tinned vegetables & fruit. Pasta, rice, and noodles. Cereals, long-life milk. Tea, coffee, sugar. Biscuits and snacks

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

	Benefice Services 9.30am	
Sunday 6 th September	East Farleigh Hunton	Morning Worship/Becky P Holy Communion/Rev Lorna
Sunday 13 th September	West Farleigh	Holy Communion/Rev Lorna
Sunday 20 th September	East Farleigh Hunton	Holy Communion/Rev Lorna Family Service/Rev David
Sunday 27 th September	West Farleigh Linton	Morning Worship/Rev David Harvest Holy Communion/Rev Lorna