



St Nicholas Linton

September 2026

Services at Linton

As announced at the service at St Nicholas on 23rd August, it has been agreed that for a trial period from September until Christmas there will be two services a month at Linton: midweek communion at 12 noon on the 2nd Wednesday, and usual Holy Communion service at 9.30am on the 4th Sunday of the month. This is to utilise the resources we have in the best way.

Wednesday 9th September

12 noon - Holy Communion in Linton Church

Saturday 26th September

3pm Messy Harvest

Sunday 27th September - HARVEST

9.30am Harvest Holy Communion at Linton

and around the Benefice

Sunday 6th September

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 13th September

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

Sunday 20th September

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

9.30am Family Service at Hunton

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 27th September

9.30am Morning Worship at West Farleigh

11am All-Age Worship at Coxheath

Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Coxheath Church

Tuesday 29th September



Linton Community Coffee Mornings are held on the last Tuesday of the month from 10am to 12 noon, in the Church. This month, September, we are donating all the receipts to Macmillan Cancer Support. Come along and enjoy some extra fun and delicious cakes and hot bacon rolls.

Pastoral Letter from our Children & Families' Worker

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

Friends of Kent Churches

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.

You may notice that the very old carpeting in the north aisle of St Nicholas church has been removed. (Thank you to Bernard Cresswell and family!) The floorboards are currently being stained and sealed. Earlier this year we had the kitchen floor treated and the area at the back of the church will also be treated.



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>

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!

St Nicholas Linton is registered with

easyfundraising Why not join in, sign up and help St Nicholas Church for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use **easyfundraising** to shop online with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-nicholas-linton>



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 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

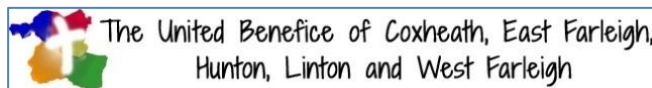
Ladies Prayer Group – Dawn Burnell

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
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