## Pastoral Letter for November 2026

November has arrived, the month where I start to look forward to Christmas and look back over the past year. Since Christmas 1966 I have written the annual Christmas letter sent each year to family and friends. For the first 42 years the content was obtained by a list of events and 'happenings' produced by my wife who having made the list insisted that the letter should only be one side of A4, the reverse being blank so that it could be used by the recipient for shopping lists!!!! I seldom manged it and incurred the censorship of any remarks I may had added myself which always resulted in several redrafts until satisfaction was expressed. But seriously as I look back on the year it amazes me how much has been done and accomplished, how events haven't always been records of deaths, illnesses and disappointments but new life, joy and opportunities which have opened up to intermingle with the normality of life. Then as I look, so I am encouraged by the way things do turn out and plans start to form so that once Christmas is over a new chapter can begin, I am also reminded of the way events play a part in our lives. What appeared to be a low point for weeks turned out not to be so long, things that occupied us for days have been forgotten and the good times reappear. The Christian journey is a bit like that, times when we find ourselves managing and our faith forgotten and then times when we are low and our faith seems to offer us hope. Yet through all of the low and high period of our journey in this world I believe and are reminded of God's presence with us and his faithfulness and as we look back can speak of that certainty even if at the time that was not the reality of our experience.

Have a rewarding November in your reflecting and may you be encouraged as you look forward. David

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

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**December News Letter** If you have an item for the letter, please contact Marian on 743977 or david.marian@btinternet.com **BEFORE Wednesday 25th November**

# Holy Trinity Church
# November 2026



**Sunday 1st November** **Holy Communion** **All Saints**
**11.00am** Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner
Readings: Revelation 7 v9-end, 1 John3 v1-3, Matthew 5 v1-12

**Sunday 8th November** **Remembrance Sunday**
**10.45am** Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner

**Sunday 15th November** **Holy Communion**
**11.00am** Led by: Rev Lorna Faulkner
Zephaniah 1 v7,12 end, 1 Thessalonians 5 v1-11, Matthew 25 v14-30
Giving Sunday supporting Kenwood Trust

**Sunday 22nd November** **All Age Worship** **Christ the King**
**11.00am** All age team
Readings: Preachers Choice

**Sunday 29th November** **Benefice Communion** **Advent Sunday**
**10.30am** Led by: Rev Lorna and Jen Tobin
at Holy Trinity, Coxheath
Readings: Isaiah 64 v1-9, 1 Corinthians 3-9, Mark 13 v24 - 37

**Sunday 1st November 3.00pm Thanksgiving and Remembering Service at Holy Trinity Coxheath**

A gentle service remembering loved ones we have lost
(please contact Lorna if you would like to have the name of a loved one mentioned at the service)

Every Thursday 10am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Coxheath
2nd Wednesday of the month 12 noon Holy Communion at Linton

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**Diary Dates**

**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

**Sunday 8th November 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.

**Friday November 13th Beacon Men Film Night** Holy Trinity 7 pm for 7.30pm start. We will be showing **Fishermen's Friends - All for One,** the sequel to the first film. Open to All. Free tea, coffee and popcorn. Donations welcome. Details at the back of the church on the information leaflet and Benefice website .

**Saturday 14th November 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



**November Saturday Coffee Morning**
There will be a Christmas Gifts Stall at the November coffee morning. If you have any unwanted new or 'good as new' gifts that you would like to donate, please hand to Mags Poole or Amanda Bird. Thank you

**December Saturday Coffee Morning**
There will be a Christmas Food and Drink Raffle Any donations of prizes please hand to Mags P or Amanda B before the December coffee morning.

**Sunday 15th November Giving Sunday supporting Kenward Trust**

**Saturday 21st November 2.30pm – 5.30pm Hunton Christmas Market** at St Marys

**Tuesday 24th November 10.00am – 12noon**
Community Coffee Morning at St Nicholas, Linton. All Welcome

**Sunday 29th November 4.30pm Carols and Switching on of the Christmas Lights outside Coxheath Church** A joint event with Coxheath Parish Council

**Other News and Information**

**Suggestions for Giving Sunday Charities** Do you have any suggestions for our Giving Sundays? We are looking for 2 new charities which we will support for three years. If you do, please fill in a nomination form which you will find at the back of the church and place the slip in an envelope which you will find by the forms. When completed please place in the box alongside the forms and envelopes. The final date for nominations is **Sunday 8th November**

**Thanks**

**Ride/Stride Sponsorship**
£125 was raised to be divided between Friends of Kent Churches and Holy Trinity.

**Harvest Gifts**
Homeless care and care for families in need, were thankful for the gifts and there is a thank you letter on the board at the back of the church.

**Giving Sunday for Involve**
£250 which included a gift from church funds has been sent to Involve.

**Thanks for your generosity to the above causes**

**Christmas**
For all information about church services and activities around the Benefice villages at Christmas time go to www.unitedbenefice.church

**Christmas Invitations**
From the 15th November, at the back of the church there will be packs of Christmas Invitation cards to deliver around Coxheath before the 29th November. If you are able to help with the delivery, please do take some. Many thanks

| | **Benefice Services 9.30am** |
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| Sunday **1st November** | **East Farleigh** Morning Worship/Becky P<br>**Hunton** Holy Communion/Rev David |
| Sunday **8th November** | **10.45am East Farleigh** Remembrance<br>**10.45am West Farleigh** Remembrance<br>**10.50am Hunton** Remembrance<br>**10.45am Linton** Remembrance |
| Sunday **15th November** | **East Farleigh** Holy Communion/Rev David<br>**Hunton** Family Service/Rev Lorna |
| Sunday **22nd November** | **West Farleigh** Morning Worship/Rev Lorna<br>**Linton** Communion/Rev Clinton |