

## St Nicholas Church Linton June 2021

# Benefice Services in June Online services at 10.30am every Sunday

On Computer, Tablet or Smartphone:

http://bit.ly/UnitedBenefice

Or by 'phone

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#### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June** Trinity 1

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June Trinity 2 8am Holy Communion at Linton

9.30am Morning Prayer at West Farleigh, followed by Holy Communion

#### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June** Trinity 3

8am Holy Communion at East Farleigh 9.30am Family service at Hunton

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June Trinity 4**

8am Holy Communion at East Farleigh
9 30am Morning Prayer and Holy (

**9.30am Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at Linton** 

#### **Every Thursday**

10am Midweek Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Coxheath. Also online at http://bit.lv/ThursdayCommunion

Online Study Groups will continue in the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> June on Zoom on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm and Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. Please let Peter Callway know if you would like to attend or would like more information. Even if you've never done anything like this before do please consider it.

<u>Pastoral Letter from the Curate, Rev Lorna Faulkner</u> Dear Friends,

'You can feel it in your heart
You can see it in the ground
You can see it in the trees
You can smell it in the breeze
Look around! Look around!
June is bustin' out all over'

So sing the cast of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Carousel. And by the time this letter is published, beautiful June will have arrived! At last! It's been a long winter and a long chilly spring.

I am actually writing this on May 11<sup>th</sup>, and, yesterday, the Prime Minister announced that we will, from Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, be taking the next step in the easing of Covid lockdown restrictions. When you read this, we'll be a couple of weeks into this new phase, enjoying freedoms we have only been able to dream about, but, as I write, it feels odd: As if I am writing to the future – a future that, however close, I can't yet see!

I do have some ideas, though...

I am looking forward to meeting up with my family – the first time we will all be together since Christmas 2019; I am planning to invite people to dinner; I'll have barbecues, and tea and cake, and long lunches with friends. And I am going to hug people!

The truth is, though, I don't know that my plans will come to fruition. I have no certainty that the outcome will be as I want it to be. Anything could go wrong. The weather could make a garden gathering impossible. Someone's car could break down. Someone could be ill. Everything could change.

Which of us has never made a plan that had to be changed or was interrupted by forces beyond our control? And, yet, we continue to plan because we continue to exercise that most powerful of human instincts: Hope.

Aristotle said, 'Hope is a waking dream'. A reality we imagine and visualise and wait to see materialised.

Norman Cousins said, 'The capacity for hope is the most significant fact of life. It provides human beings with a sense of destination and the energy to get started.' Even when life is hard – and for so many of us it is, or has been, an enormous struggle of late – the hope of good things to come can inspire us to make a plan, even a tiny one, whether it be for the next year, or the next day, or even just the next hour.

My hope – and my prayer – is that this letter finds you all in the June sunshine, basking in the warmth of friendships and family reconnected, and with many more moments of hope on the horizon.

Every blessing to you all,

Lorna

Linton Park opened their gardens to the public on Sunday  $23^{rd}$  May as part of the National Open Garden Scheme to raise money for charity. They very kindly donated £290 to St Nicholas Church. Some of their visitors also came along to the church and were welcomed by a team who showed them round.

#### **Jack Revell**

We were sad to learn this week of the death of Jack Revell at the age of 96. The funeral service was held in St Nicholas Church on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May (invited only). Jack attended services at St Nicholas regularly until he moved away and was well loved, evident by his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party in Linton village hall.

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Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh

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