



St Nicholas Linton June 2025

Sunday 25th May 5th Sunday after Easter

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

9.30am Morning Worship West Farleigh

11am All age worship at Coxheath

Sunday 1st June Sunday after Ascension

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

9.30am Morning Worship at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 8th June - PENTECOST

9.30am Morning Worship at Linton

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

Wednesday 11th June

12 noon - Holy Communion in Linton Church.

A short, informal service, followed by some refreshments. All are welcome.

Sunday 15th June TRINITY SUNDAY

9.30am Family Service at Hunton

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

Sunday 22nd June Trinity 1

9.30am Holy Communion at Linton

9.30am Morning Worship West Farleigh

11am All age worship at Coxheath

Sunday 29th June - Trinity 2

10.30am Benefice Communion at Coxheath

Every Thursday

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Coxheath Church

Thursday 29th May

2pm A memorial service for the late Nick Figgins (son of the late Tim and Vera) will be held in St Nicholas Church.



Tuesdays 27th May & 24th June
10am -12 noon **Community coffee**
mornings in St Nicholas Linton.

Saturday 31st May

1pm Messy Cathedral at Rochester Cathedral

A family event and no booking is required.

1 – 3pm activities, 3.15pm worship, 3.45 picnic (bring your own)

Saturday 14th June

2 – 5pm Teddy Zip Wire Adventure

The return of the very popular and extremely good fun event we held last year at St Nicholas Church. For all the family.



Pastoral Letter from our Children and Families' Worker and Licensed Lay Minister

Last month Lorna spoke to you about the feeling of having 'done nothing' – if you haven't read it, I suggest you track down a copy and reflect on how much you might actually do each day.....even if it's not the big, noticeable stuff that you think your friends are wanting to hear about.

This month I'd like to follow that by talking about the art of pottering – doing those small, daily tasks with intention and notice. A friend of mine introduced me, a few years ago, to a book called 'Pottering. A Cure for Modern Life' by Anna McGovern. The blurb on the back says it's "The perfect antidote to the stuff of life, pottering helps you discover the pace where contentment lies."

A piece inside helps to explain it better – "One of the basic principles of pottering is 'don't try too hard', not 'don't try at all': it is not 'sitting about in your onesie on your phone'. The very opposite, in fact. Pottering is relaxing *because* you are occupied."

Pottering helps us to focus on one task at a time and helps us to disconnect from the fast pace of modern life. In the bible we read that Jesus often took himself away from the crowds and the disciples and found places of quiet to pray. I would suggest that he was an expert in pottering; knowing that we need to find those places of peace, whatever and wherever they may be, to help us recharge, refocus and be able to cope when the demands of life crowd in on us.

We can't all suddenly disappear from life for a couple of hours as Jesus did, but we can learn to find our own rhythm that helps us face the challenges of daily life.

So, my suggestion, if you have times when you're feeling overwhelmed, is to put down your phone (or whatever digital device you are using) and do something simple like making a cup of tea taking time to focus on the task you are doing, thinking only of pouring the boiling water into the pot and pushing all those other tasks clambering for your attention to one side. Happy pottering! Becky

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

The Annual Parochial Church meeting of St Nicholas Church took place on 15th May. Please take a copy of the Annual Report which has details of our financial situation and some very interesting articles on what has happened in the Benefice during 2024.

Brew and a Bite on Tuesdays at Holy Trinity,

Coxheath. We are open during school term times every Tuesday 12 noon-7.00pm.

From 5.30 – 7.00pm 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.



Coxheath Area Branch

Check out our Face Book page for latest news from

our local branch and national and international items, too! Meetings are held in member's homes, usually at 2pm. Contact Lesley on 07814 817204 or Margaret on 07729 176762 for venue, or email

mu.coxheath@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/mothersunioncoxheath>

BOOK THE DATE.....

Sunday 7th September

3pm Concert by the Kent Police Male Voice Choir IN St Nicholas Linton.

Thursday 29th May

Spring crafts and activities with cuppa's and cakes for all the family. No booking required



We are moving into the 21st century and now 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>



As ever, your PCC thank you for your support.

BENEFICE CONTACTS

Revd. Lorna Faulkner, Rector 01622 747570

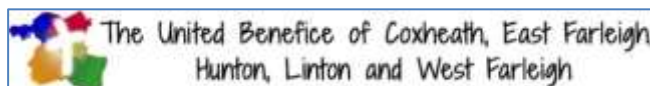
Revd. David Jones, 01622 741474

Kath Cooper, Linton Churchwarden: 07876 101390

For up to date details about benefice group meetings please contact the following people:

Children's Work	Becky Parnham 07949 646865 https://www.facebook.com/Coxheath-Benefice-Kids-112089254485427/
Men's Prayer Group	Mike Marsh 07595 428639
Ladies Prayer Group	Dawn Burnell
Beacon Men	Steve Poole 01622 297144
Mothers' Union	Margaret Poole 01622 297144
	Lesley Marsh 07814 817204
Safeguarding	Margaret Poole 01622 297144

Our Benefice and five Benefice Churches website is
www.unitedbenefice.church



Benefice Children's Work

Becky Parnham 07949 646865

- **Tiny Tots Toybox**
Thursdays 1.30 – 3pm for children from birth to 5 years with their parents or carers at HT Coxheath
- **Little Angels**
Fridays 1 – 2.30pm for children from birth to 5 years with their parents and carers at West Farleigh
- **Seekers after school club**
Thursdays after school until 5pm for children in school years 3-7 at HT Coxheath
- **Bible Babble**
1st Sunday of every month 7.30 - 9pm at HT Coxheath for young people, school year 6 and upwards
- **Brew and a Bite Youth Group**
Tuesdays 5.30 – 7pm at HT for young people in school years 7 -13 Contact Jen Tobin