

## Regular Events in the Benefice of Linton, Coxheath, Hunton, East and West Farleigh

Term time only: Every Monday	4.20 for 4.30pm	'Wellsprings' silent prayer – The Vestry, St. Nicholas Linton. Details from 'Cilla 741318
Term time only: First four Tuesdays in the month	10.00 - 11.30am	'PSST'- Fellowship and Bible study. ( Contact Becky Parnham 07949 646865)
First and Third Wednesdays in the month	7.30 - 9.00pm	The Next Step - A group that meets for study and prayer. (Contact 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed – Jean 726248: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed – Anne 745702)
Every last Wednesday in the month	12 noon	A said Communion Service at St. Nicholas, Linton.
Every Thursday	10am 1.30-3 pm  3.30pm	Holy Communion (1662) Holy Trinity, Coxheath. "Up and Running" Toddler Group, Holy Trinity, Coxheath. Contact David 741474 for details. Seekers (6 – 11yrs) Holy Trinity, Coxheath. (Further information from Becky 07949 646865)
Every Saturday	10-11am  10 – 10.45 am	Meeting for prayer and short Bible Study. (Details from Peter 747570) Ladies Prayer Time – All welcome (Details from Eileen 236170)

The Rector: Revd Peter Walker  
747570 - Marriages,  
Thanksgivings and Baptisms (Not  
available Mondays)

Revd David Jones - 741474 (Not  
available Fridays)

Churchwardens  
Mr Roger Bettle 743278  
Mr John McKenzie 741318  
Items for May Parish News by  
14<sup>th</sup> April to Harold Pounds  
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We shall be **opening the Church** to visitors on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons **from Saturday 30th April** until the end of September, refreshments available. If you would like to be involved in this by manning the church for 2 hours, please let Kath know.

**5P Men** - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 8 to 10am **Big Breakfast** at The Russell Hotel Boxley Road, Maidstone. Speaker Ian McDowall, from Tough Talk Team.



## St Nicholas Parish News

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### Services in Linton Church in April

Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.30am	Mothering Sunday. Family Service, Holy Communion
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00am	Palm Sunday. Holy Communion (1662)
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> April	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday. West Farleigh
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	2.00pm	Good Friday
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Easter Day. Holy Communion

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2.30 – 5pm

On this day before Mothering Sunday, bring your Mum (or anyone special) to St Nicholas Church for a special treat, our renowned CREAM TEAS. Home made cakes and scones with lots of cream. Have a restful afternoon enjoying the atmosphere in this special building, and listening to our organist, Bob Caudwell, playing tunes from the shows and light classics, or even give him your own request.

(Note: Saturday only, not Sunday)

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** in Linton Church on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

Linton Lent Course You are warmly invited to join us for the 'York Course'. We will be looking at 'Rich Inheritance - Jesus' Legacy of Love'. This is a five week course, written by Stephen Cottrell, that commenced on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm, running each consecutive week. It is being held at the home of Paul and Kath Cooper - Forge Cottage, Linton Hill, Linton ME17 4AW. For further information please contact John and Cilla McKenzie 01622 741318

From 5<sup>th</sup> April, the Tuesday Linton Walks will commence at 6pm and from 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. See Linton Parish Council website for the 2011 programme including start/finish times, location, duration and length in miles.

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Dear Friends,

*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised again the third day' (1 Cor15:3-4)\**

There is an account written of the last day on earth of the philosopher Socrates (399bc) as he awaited execution. Some of his followers came to visit him. The conversation turned to the subject of immortality. Where would the philosopher go after death? What lies beyond the grave? Could Socrates shed any light on these questions? They argued this way and that and concluded that it was almost impossible to attain any certainty about these enquiries. All people could do, they reasoned, is take the best of human notions and let that be as a raft on which to sail through life - such a voyage was risky they determined, but unless there was a sure word from God which would carry them safely they saw no way out of their dilemma. There was no sure word.

We now have the 'sure word' for as Saint Paul made clear to the church in Corinth (see above quote\*) Jesus was resurrected from death and in this we share that resurrection hope.

The resurrection of Christ which was accomplished over 2000 years ago is a spiritual reality for us today. Jesus, who died that we might live, ensures that life in all its fullness is secure, for in his death and rising from it, all hope is ours. For this we must offer our daily lives as the living reality of this truth. So the most mundane activity can now be seen as 'sacramental' even the most routine of activities: the housework, mowing the grass, the meal preparation, the washing and the ironing, going to the office and so on.

All of life is to be an integration into the Living Christ. In a real sense we shouldn't leave a church service to 'go home', but to see the whole activity of life caught-up with the Jesus who walks alongside us as he did on that first Easter day with the two disciples on the Emmaus Road. A seamless continuity.

We need to welcome afresh the reconciling, living Jesus Christ whom the Father has sent to assure us of His great love and saving power. Easter Day is a powerful reminder of that new life and hope which the Son of the Living God offers and who we seek to serve each day of our Christian pilgrimage.

We both send our love for a Holy Easter - Peter and Diana

### Churches Together in Maidstone

- 1..Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April from 8pm to 9pm music rehearsal for Good Friday Service on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. United Reformed Church, Week Street. Contact details Freda Crispin 726193
  2. Maundy Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 7.30pm Holy Communion Service at Union Street Methodist Church.
  3. Good Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
10.30am - Walk of Witness from Baptist Church, Knightrider Street leaving at 10.30am.  
11am Open Air Service outside M&S. Music by Salvation Army Band.  
11.30am Good Friday Service at Salvation Army Citadel Union Street  
7.30pm Churches Together Choir Service in United Reformed Church, Week Street.
  4. Easter Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 6.30am Sunrise Service at the top of Bluebell Hill (organised by Tonbridge Road Methodist Church).
- Advance Notice of events after Easter**
5. Maidstone Bible Week 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May 7.45pm for 8pm Salvation Army Citadel Union Street "Church; Real and Radical"
  6. Christian Aid Week 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May. Churches involved to share information so that helpers from churches not involved may join in.
  7. Pentecost 12<sup>th</sup> June, proposed Drama Group (to be arranged) .

#### Confirmation 2011

For our Church there will be a Confirmation Service at either Hildenborough on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 10am or St Justus, Rochester on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm. The Bishop of Rochester, Rt. Revd. James Langstaff, will officiate at both services.

If you would like to consider being confirmed, please contact Revd. David Jones 741474. Confirmation is open to all adults and teenagers who have made a commitment, or are thinking about making one, to follow Jesus in their lives.

#### Kent County Youth Orchestra Concert

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre. These talented and committed youngsters from all over Kent will have prepared for the concert during a week's intensive residential course of rehearsals. The result is always astonishingly professional. A delightful programme awaits us of Elgar, 'In the South'; Lyadov, 8 Russian Folk Songs; and Tchaikovsky, 4<sup>th</sup> Symphony, conducted by the distinguished American musician, Kenneth Woods. Please do come and be part of the audience our Youth Orchestra deserves. Box Office 01622 358402.