

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



**St Nicholas Parish News**  
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Mon	Every week (except Bank Holidays) 'Cilla 741318	4.20 for 4.30start	Wellsprings Contemplative Prayer	Linton
Tues	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month	6.45pm	Compline	E. Farleigh
Wed	Last Wednesday of the month	12 noon	Said Holy Communion (light lunch soup/roll)	Linton
Thurs	Every week	10am	Holy Communion 1662	Coxheath
Sat	Quarterly (See notice sheets for details)	10am	Alternative Service	Coxheath
Last Tuesday in the month	10 – 11.30am	Coffee and chat at Holy Trinity, Coxheath (Contact Becky Parnham 07949 646865)		
First and third Wednesdays in the month	7.30 – 9pm	'The Next Step' – A group that meets for study and prayer. (Contact Anne Whybrow 749704)		
Every Thursday	1.30 – 3pm  3.30pm	'Up and Running' Toddler Group, Holy Trinity Coxheath (Contact Kate Till 746482 for details) 'Seekers' (6-11yrs) Holy Trinity, Coxheath. (Further information from Becky 07949 646865)		
Every Saturday	10 - 11am	Ladies Prayer Group – at the home of Pat Wilmshurst (East Farleigh). Leader, Eileen 204241		
<b>Rector</b> Rev'd Peter Callway 747570 (Not available Fridays)		<b>Churchwardens</b> Mr Roger Bettle 743278 Mr John McKenzie 741318		
<b>Curate</b> Rev'd Eileen Doyle – 204241		<b>Items for May News</b> By 14 <sup>th</sup> April to Harold Pounds 745303 <a href="mailto:h.p.pounds@btinternet.com">h.p.pounds@btinternet.com</a>		
<b>Honorary Associate Rector</b> Rev'd David Jones – 741474 (Not available Fridays) Rev'd 'Cilla McKenzie - 741318				
<p>Website: <a href="http://www.achurchnearyou.com/linton-st-nicholas">www.achurchnearyou.com/linton-st-nicholas</a> and: <a href="http://lintonkent.org/church">http://lintonkent.org/church</a></p>				
<p>"April Farmers' Market. On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 9am to 12noon East Farleigh Farmers' Market will be welcoming a number of stalls which offer both Mothers' Day and Easter gift solutions. Grenville Allen will have a wide selection of his delightful water colours and prints for sale and Linton Chocolates returns with delicious treats for all the family. Choose your Mothers' Day and Easter greetings cards from Carol May Cards, plants from Low Wood Nursery and The Kenward Trust or handmade wooden boxes from Creative Crates. All our regular food suppliers will be there, plus a brand new cake stall run by Elle Skinner who is a Prince's Trust Young Ambassador". Sue Morris 01622 726164</p>				

Services in Linton Church in April			
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Palm Sunday, Family Service
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am	Good Friday, Hour at the Cross
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Easter Sunday, Holy Communion
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Holy Communion

**Cancellation** – Unfortunately the Cream Teas on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March (Mothering Sunday weekend) have been cancelled because of safety concerns associated with the North and South aisle ceilings of the church. Happily this will not affect the **Friends of Linton Church Strawberry Cream Teas weekend (21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> June)** which will be held, not in the church, but in marquees outside.

**Easter Lilies** As in previous years we will be buying Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones. Sheila Macdonald asks that if you wish to have your loved one's name read out on Easter morning please sign the book at the back of the church, and make your donation.

**Dementia Awareness Session**  
All are welcome to a one hour session providing information about dementia, what it is like to live with it, and how you can take actions to help. You don't need to know anybody with dementia to benefit from this introductory session, which will be given by Christine Bostock who is a Dementia Friends' Champion. Dementia Friends is an initiative of the Alzheimer's Society. The session will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, West Farleigh.

A date for your diary - On **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August** the church will be holding a **Summer Barbecue** in Mr Philip Daubeny's grounds in Linton Park. More details to follow next month.

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## The Pastoral Letter

As I write this we are preparing for Easter. The shops are full of Easter Eggs, fluffy Easter bunnies and, of course, Hot Cross Buns. We look forward to a long weekend off, a chance to get out in the garden, take the family out, watch the boat race. And as I think of this I am reminded of a poem by Steve Turner:

'Easter is not really for the children, unless accompanied by a cream filled egg.

It has whips, blood, nails, a spear and allegations of body snatching.

It involves politics, God and the sins of the world.

It is not suitable for people of a nervous disposition.

They would do better to think on rabbits, chickens and the first snowdrops of spring.

Or they'd do better to wait for a re-run of Christmas without asking

Too many questions about what Jesus did when he grew up, or whether there's any connection.'<sup>1</sup>

The message of Easter is simple, that God, in Jesus, loved each one of us so much, that His body was broken on the Cross to pay the penalty of our sins, that He defeated death and rose again and offers to all, new life, healing and wholeness. Many of us go to Church once in a while to pay our respects to God, we try to do our best to live good lives. But we find it difficult to believe that God is interested in us, that God would offer us unconditional love. The Good News of Easter is that God comes to us in Jesus, through His Holy Spirit, and offers us new life. He says to us 'What do you want ME to do for YOU?' He offers us healing and wholeness. Spiritual healing, dealing with our sin and brokenness; physical healing for broken bodies; emotional healing for broken lives and broken relationships.

This Easter, it may be time to start asking ourselves some questions about what Jesus did when He grew up and if there is anything in it for us. Perhaps it is time for us to begin that dialogue with God, starting as Jesus taught us with 'Father.....' And maybe, just maybe, God will answer.

Wishing you every blessing,  
Judith, Pastoral Assistant

<sup>1</sup> 'Christmas is really for the children' Steve Turner  
from *The Lion Book of Christian Poetry*, Lion Publishing 1981

**Quiz Evening** - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May in Linton Village Hall in aid of Village Hall funds. 7.15 for 7.30pm start. Tickets £10 each to include a ploughman's supper. Bring your own drinks. Tickets and more information from Jane Brooker 01622 746067 email [jane\\_brooker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jane_brooker@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Garden Open** – Gallants Manor, Gallants Lane, East Farleigh

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May & Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 11am to 5pm for National Garden Scheme for Charity and for East Farleigh Church.

Also on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 11am to 5pm for Heart of Kent Hospice and East Farleigh Church

Admission £5 – Children Free. Tea and coffee will be for sale all day.

The Linton Walkers have started the 2014 Tuesday evening walks. They are easy walks, no more than 3-4 miles long and all within a few miles of Linton. Explore our lovely countryside, get fit, enjoy the social scene too! Why not come along? Every Tuesday evening and every Thursday morning. More details are at: <http://lintonkent.org/walks> or 01622 741475

### **Linton -The Annual Meeting of the Parish, Linton Village Hall, Linton Hill, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm**

This meeting should not be confused with the regular Linton Parish Council Meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

This is a chance for local parishioners to hear about events that have happened in Linton over the past year and ask questions or pass comments. There will be a selection of interesting speakers including reports from the Police, Tree Warden, Footpaths Officer etc. all hosted by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Clive Baxter.

Please come along and show your support for the Parish and enjoy a glass of wine or two!

**Jack and the Beanstalk Hunton Village Hall** - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm. Saturday matinee 2 pm. Licensed bar. Adults £8.50, Children under 12 £5.00 Tickets available from Joy McLoughlin 01622 820551

**Maidstone Symphony Orchestra**, Conductor Brian Wright will perform on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 7.30pm at Mote Hall Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone ME15 7RN.

The programme consists of five works - Ravel - Suite, Mother Goose - Gershwin - Rhapsody in Blue - Ravel - Bolero - Ravel - Piano Concerto - Gershwin - An American in Paris.

Tickets £10, £20 and £25, full time students with a student card £5 from 01622 736830 either cash or cheque only - for collection on the concert evening at Mote Hall. Bookings also on [www.mso.org.uk](http://www.mso.org.uk). Tickets for all children up to and including 18 years are free.