

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

Every Monday Except Bank Holidays	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 st Wed – Jean 726248: 3 rd 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 September Parish
News by 14th August to Harold
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Linton Park' by David H Leggett - Mr Malcolm C Perkins, Chairman of the Board of Camellia p.c. Linton Park, has very kindly donated a copy of this book to St Nicholas Church. If you would like to borrow this very fine publication (it is a limited edition) please see the Churchwardens.

Diary - Dinner/Dance Linton Village Hall Sat 1st Oct 7.30pm - Midnight



St Nicholas Parish News

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Services in Linton Church in August

Sunday	7 th August	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	14 th August	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday	21 st August	8.00am	Holy Communion 1662
Sunday	28 th August	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Nicholas Church, Linton Summer Barbecue

(by kind invitation of Mr Philip Daubeny)

Saturday 13th August 12.30pm onwards

The venue is a short walk along the Greensand Way past Linton Park House (less than 1/2 mile). Park in the Village Car Park behind the Church; closer access can be provided on request. Use the very warm heated swimming pool and the tennis courts; enjoy games in the meadow; or just sit and appreciate the lovely countryside.

Tickets £8.00 for adults, £3 for 3 - 13yrs. Family Ticket £20 (2 adults + up to 3 children). Includes barbecue food (please bring your own drink). Tea, coffee and cakes will be on sale. Contact Kath Cooper (741494) for tickets or for more information.

MEET BISHOP JAMES

THE 107th BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

A short documentary film has been produced for the people of the Diocese of Rochester to offer you an opportunity to meet Bishop James Langstaff. If you would like to borrow the DVD to view at home or to arrange to view it with others please contact 'Cilla McKenzie 01622 741318

Wednesdays and Saturdays 2-4pm Church Open - Information from Kath Cooper 741494 or see <http://lintonkent.org/church>

Linton Walks. On Tuesday 30th August the start time of the Linton Walks reverts to 6pm.

Centre Pages: David's Letter; Strawberry Cream Teas; Sponsored Ride and Stride.
Back Page: Regular Events; Who's Who; Book 'Linton Park'; Dinner/Dance.

Hi folks,

I am sitting at my desk during another hot spell and thinking about writing this letter. It's too hot to think, let alone type, I'm thinking. Then I cast my mind back to the wet, dark and cold days of winter when I had the same thoughts. Summed up very simply in the words 'why bother?' We simply feel weary of life and want to break out of the routine yet can't find the will to do so. 'Why bother' is an expression that I suspect comes into our minds many times during the day as, perhaps, having cleaned the house someone comes in and scatters dirt everywhere again: you've tidied your desk and now can't find anything: you've done something for someone and no word of thanks has followed: and on it goes. There's a tedium of life that some see as comforting, others as challenging and yet more, perhaps, as depressing.

It's sad really when we get that way, for the holiday season is meant to break us out of that mould and bring us back to the many opportunities and pleasures that life offers. So often though, we find it hard to stop long enough, or to have a satisfactory break, allowing us to recharge our batteries and to reflect on what life is all about.

I don't want to be depressing; rather I want to ask what gives us the 'kick' that motivates us into doing things when life gets wearisome? Perhaps it's a long walk, a funny story, meeting a friend or treating ourselves to something that we really like. It may also reflect your outlook on life and perhaps a need to feel valued and part of the bigger picture. I recall the story of a lady, recently bereaved who, on her first holiday abroad since the death of her husband, found her flight home delayed and when she landed rushed off to join the queue for the phone (no mobiles then!) only to realize, when she reached the front of the queue, that she had no one to ring and no one knew she was late and so no one was worried about her!

That story, true I gather, reflects the feelings of so many. Who knows? Who cares? Perhaps the writer of Psalm 139 had the answer when he wrote:

O God, you search me and know me

You know my being and my doing

From far off, you read my inmost thoughts

The answer is simple really; God knows and cares!

Have a good rest this August and come back refreshed. David

Friends of Linton Church

The Strawberry Cream Teas on Saturday and Sunday 16/17th July raised a total, after expenses, of £667-68 plus an additional contribution of £109-00 from the bird house raffle and a healthy £136-10 in commissions from the sale of art, cards, pottery and jam. This makes a grand total for the weekend of **£912-78**. Given the rather unhelpful weather conditions, I think that is a wonderful result.

I want to say thank you to everyone who has contributed to this remarkable success. As usual there are far too many to list - though I would like to mention Robert and Camilla Pascall of Clock House Farm who have, once again, very kindly donated all of the delicious strawberries used at the event.

Sue Whitmarsh, Secretary, Friends of Linton Church

[Editorial Note: All those who were lucky enough to enjoy the strawberry cream teas weekend will, I am sure, wish to congratulate Sue and her team on once again organising such a successful and memorable event.]

The following is from a press release from Friends of Kent Churches

Sponsored Ride and Stride - 10th September 2011

The 26th Annual Sponsored Ride & Stride in aid of Kent churches will be on Saturday 10th September 2011.

This is an opportunity to visit, on cycle or on foot, many Kent churches not normally open. More than 700 churches will be open from 10 am to 6 pm and many offer drinks and refreshments to visitors. The route is up to you and you chose which churches you want to visit. We ask that you obtain sponsorship or make a donation to support the work of the Friends. Half of the money you raise goes to the church which you nominate and half goes to Friends of Kent Churches who last year gave £140,000 towards repairing churches in Kent.

Details on www.friendsof Kent churches.co.uk or from Carolyn Millen (carolyn.millen1@btinternet.com)

N.B. Kath Cooper 01622 741494 is our local organiser and we have one rider at present – the very loyal Peter Ross. Any others who would like to walk or ride or help with the manning of the church on the day would be most welcome.