

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

Every Monday	4.20 for 4.30pm	Wellsprings silent prayer – The Vestry, St. Nicholas Linton. Details from Cilla 741318
Every Thursday	1.30 to 3pm	'PSST'- Fellowship and Bible study. For weekly venue, phone Becky 07949 646865
First and Third Wednesdays in the month	7.30pm	The Next Step – fellowship group open to all. Bible Study, Prayer, Worship and Friendship. Venue varies, so call Becky 07949 646865
Every last Wednesday in the month	12 noon	A said Communion Service at St. Nicholas, Linton.
Every Thursday	10am	Holy Communion (1662) Holy Trinity, Coxheath
	1.30 to 3pm	"Up and Running" Toddler Group, Holy Trinity, Coxheath. Contact David 741474 for details
Every Saturday	10am to 11am	Meeting for prayer and short Bible Study. Details from Peter 747570

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 Sept Parish News
By 14th August to Harold Pounds 745303
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Confirmation: Those of you who would like to be Confirmed this year please contact Revd. Peter Walker at Coxheath Rectory - tel.747570.

You are reminded that the **Parish Picnic** will be at **Hugh and Ann Bird's home** and beautiful garden in **Birchington** on **Sunday 23rd August**. Hugh and Ann kindly supply the chairs and wine and tea and coffee to go with your own picnic. If you would like to come, please contact Jean Avery 747571



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Friends of Linton Church - Strawberry Cream Teas: Jerry Whitmarsh reports that this event on 11th and 12th July raised a total after expenses of £922.63. Furthermore, a contribution of £59.82 came from the art exhibition, £52 from the plant stall and £125 from Charles Judd's beautiful bird table and boxes giving a record total of **£1,159.45** compared with last year's record amount of £951.52. Jerry and Sue thank everyone who contributed in any way to this success including those who produced the 200+ scones sold, particularly Linda Perch and Roger Bettle. They also thank Robert and Camilla Pascall of Clock House Farm who very kindly donated all of the considerable quantity of strawberries used at the event. Photos etc., can be seen on the Linton website – <http://lintonkent.org>

Note for your diary - Harvest Lunch on Sunday 11th October 2009

Swine Flu A summary of guidelines issued by Bishop Michael for the churches on how we deal with the swine flu outbreak:

- * If showing flu-like symptoms do not attend Church or meetings.
 - * Identify a 'flu friend' who will be able to collect medicine, food etc.
 - * Wine at the Holy Communion will always be administered in a chalice of precious metal
 - * The practice of intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is to be discouraged. Accidental contact with the wine may spread a virus.
 - * Guidelines have been given to clergy on how best to maintain hygiene in the handling of bread and wine. Pastoral visits will be made only when absolutely necessary.
- Further information: by phone to NHS direct or www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

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Services in Linton Church in August

Sunday	2 nd	August	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	9 th	August	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	16 th	August	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
			11.00am	Family Service
Sunday	23 rd	August	9.30am	Holy Communion
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>30th</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Benefice Service – Coxheath</i>

Dear Friends,

'Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ' (Philippians 1:27 and verses following)

What is an Anglican?' was the question asked of Revd. Dr. Jim Packer a renowned theologian and biblical scholar at the inaugural meeting of 'The Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans' at Central Hall Westminster, on July 6th. "Anglicanism", he said, "is a geographical term and had its meaning defined and fixed at the Reformation under the reign of Henry VIII when the English church broke away from Rome. Its ethos was established under the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer and the birth of the Prayer Book, the Articles of Religion, the Creeds and the authority of Holy Scripture".

It is to maintain these truths that the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans has been established, to maintain the true faith in this country and support our fellow believers 'across the pond'. The Anglican Church in North America has deposed bishops and clergy who have held to these fundamentals. So much so that a new province of the Anglican Church has been formed - ACNA - *'Anglican Church of North America'* which now has those orthodox bishops and clergy and in excess of 63,000 Anglicans at its core. The Bishop of Pittsburgh was deposed for holding biblical truths and has just been elected and consecrated as the Archbishop of the new province.

Though saddening that this has had to happen, the 'Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans' - supported and championed by our own Bishop Michael - has had to 'nail its colours to the mast' to stop what has been called 'drift away' from our fundamental beliefs by those who have held views which are contrary to Scripture.

St. Paul writes to the Philippian church to *'live a life worthy of the Gospel of Jesus'*. How can we do this? Firstly. This statement says that our conduct is to be in tune with our calling - there is to be no separation between what we say and what we are. Secondly. Paul calls us to 'stand firm' in the Gospel. The Christian life needs stability. In many walks of life today we see much instability. Thirdly, Paul calls for believers to 'contend for the faith of the Gospel', that is to defend it and argue for its truth. Fourthly, Paul urges us to 'work together for the Gospel', mutually to work in unity for the essentials of the Gospel. Lastly, Paul issues a call to 'suffer for the Gospel' not physical suffering (though some believers have suffered in other countries) but to understand that to speak out and stand firm on Christian matters might mean distress. Our own Bishop Michael has endured this of late as he has spoken out and stood firm on fundamental Biblical truths.

In these somewhat uncertain days of the worldwide Anglican Communion we need to take heart that there are those who, as Scripture tells us in the letter of Jude, *'contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints'*.

With prayers, PETER

Churches Together in Maidstone

Forum Meetings 2009

Thursday 17th September at 7.30 for 7.45pm start at Maidstone Baptist Church, Knight rider Street. "Work in Schools with Children and Young People". Speakers from Family Trust and CAST

Sunday 29th November at 6.30pm. Proposed Service of Unity and AGM of Churches Together in Maidstone. Further details and venue to follow.

For further details, please contact Revd. David Jones (Chairman of Churches Together in Maidstone) 741474 or david_w_jones@talk21.com

Midsummer Music - Maidstone United Reformed Church, Week St. Wednesday 5th August - Church open from 12.30pm. Music 1.00pm. Judith Buckle - Mezzo Soprano Matthew Craven - Baritone Admission Free. Coffee available. Retiring Collection for The Heart of Kent Hospice

Rochester Cathedral Prayers

Our parishes are being remembered at the morning and evening services on Monday 31st August. The Dean and Chapter would be glad to welcome members of our parishes at Evensong which is a sung service and starts at 3.15pm. A lesson reader is requested and Lay-Readers and Clergy are invited to robe. Please let Peter (747570) know if you propose to attend.

West Farleigh Twinning Fair (Ringstedt Germany)

Saturday 1st August 12noon to 5pm at Elmscroft Field, Charlton Lane

Junior and Adult Football Matches, Village Games, Prize Draw, Stalls, Refreshments, Licensed Bar, Hog Roast, Ice Cream Van, Sausage Stall and WI Tea and Cakes

In support of 5 local charities/clubs

Just a thought:

What was the best thing *before* sliced bread?

If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?

Is there another word for 'synonym'?