

## *The Church*

Linton Church is a beautiful building, the centrepiece of Linton village. It is dedicated to St Nicholas, who is Patron Saint of pawnbrokers, prostitutes, sailors and children.

The Church was originally a Norman structure, a simple cell with a Sanctuary, a Chapel and a Nave. It was rebuilt in about 1280, and again in 1650-65.

In 1860 the whole appearance of the Church was changed. The old tower was demolished, and the east central wall and window removed. The Church was then extended at both east and west ends, the north aisle added, and a new and larger tower was built in the northwest corner. The whole cost of these extensive alterations was met by the Cornwallis family.

The Church contains a number of attractive features, including the Mayne Family monument, the Cornwallis Chapel, and some delicate Jacobean screen work.

Together with the Bull Inn opposite, and the Village Hall, it forms the heart of Linton.

## *The Friends*

The object of the Friends of Linton Church ('FOLC') is to raise funds to assist toward the preservation and maintenance of the fabric of St Nicholas' Church.

We are an independent registered charity, and membership is open to all. Some local residents and visitors who may choose not to contribute directly to Church funds, nevertheless admire this lovely building and appreciate the opportunity to contribute towards its preservation and upkeep.

FOLC was founded in May 1992, and has met or contributed toward the cost of a number of repairs and improvements to the Church, including:

- ◆ repairs to the windows and roof
- ◆ restoration of the Organ
- ◆ replacement central heating boiler
- ◆ restoration of the Mayne memorial
- ◆ replacement of the church heating system

You are warmly invited to join us. To become a subscriber, please fill out and detach the form opposite. To become a **Patron**, please complete the standing order form overleaf.

Please also watch out for our regular fundraising events such as strawberry cream teas, wine and wisdom evenings, and our popular Linton Walks etc.

Jerry Whitmarsh  
Chairman, Friends of Linton Church

## *Donation Form*

Please post this section to the Honorary Secretary of the Friends of Linton Church:

Mrs Sue Whitmarsh  
Hill Side House  
Westerhill Road  
Linton  
Maidstone ME17 4BS

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Name:

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Address:

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I wish to become a Subscriber to the Friends of Linton Church. I enclose a donation of:

£10   £20   Other: £.....

I would like the Friends of Linton Church to treat as Gift Aid all donations I make, or have made since 6 April 2000, until further notice. I am a UK taxpayer, and will inform you if I cease to pay tax. (please delete this part if inapplicable)

Signature .....

Date .....



# Friends of Linton Church

St Nicholas' Church  
Linton

Registered Charity No. 1021514

## Banker's Order

To: ..... Bank/Building Society

Address: ..... Postcode .....

Please pay the sum of £..... (min. £10) to the account of the "Friends of Linton Church" no. 80462551 at Barclays Bank, sort code 20-54-25, now and £..... (min. £10) on the 1 March annually hereafter, until further notice.

Signature ..... Date .....

Account Name ..... Account number .....

Address ..... Postcode .....

Please complete the Gift Aid form overleaf, if applicable