

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
	3.30pm	Seekers (6 – 11yrs) Holy Trinity, Coxheath Further information from Becky 07949 646865
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 August Parish News by 14th July to Harold Pounds 745303
h.p.pounds@btinternet.com

Advance Notice - Mission Shaped Introduction Course

5 Thursday evenings 16th September - 14th October at Ditton Church Centre, Ditton.

This is a course being provided by the Diocese and operating at Deanery level. The time for each evening will be announced nearer the course but book your date in the diary now.



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Services in Linton Church in July

Sunday	4 th July	9.30am	Holy Communion,
Sunday	11 th July	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	18 th July	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
		11.00am	Family Service
Sunday	25 th July	9.30am	Holy Communion

The new **"Coxheath Benefice ALPHA Course 2010"** will be starting on Tuesday 14th Sept and continuing each week until Tuesday 23rd Nov (with a break on Tuesday 26th Oct).

Alpha is a short, practical introduction to the Christian faith. The course is ideal for those wanting to learn more about the Christian faith and a good opportunity for committed Christians to deepen their faith and progress their personal pilgrimage. It is also a wonderful chance to meet and make new friends. The course includes an 'AWAY DAY', in November. This is a key part of the course, as well as great fun. Further details will be available later. A team will lead the course and each evening will begin at 7.00pm, with a meal. This will be followed by a DVD presented talk and an opportunity to discuss the issues raised. The evening ends at about 9.30pm.

The meetings will take place at the home of Kay & Tony Mason and it would be a great help if you would ring or email them to book your place on the Alpha course. Kay & Tony look forward to meeting you at the

"Coxheath Benefice ALPHA Course 2010".

Contact detail:- Kay and Tony Mason,, 23 Bensted Close, Hunton, ME15 0SD

Support your local mobile library.. it's free! It visits Wheeler's Lane and the Church car park in alternate weeks, 12 noon on Tuesdays.

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Dear Friends,

I once saw a cartoon in which a parishioner is visiting his minister and says, 'I've got voice mail, e-mail, a pager, a fax machine and a mobile phone, so how come it takes God so long to answer my prayers?' (Befuddled look on minister's face).

The Evangelist J. John says about prayer, '*can we get to the position where we pray because of who God is rather than what God gives?*' The call to prayer is never ending and yet so often it can be so difficult. I recall, when in training within a monastic community, how going to chapel five times a day initially overwhelmed me! And yet as the years rolled on there came a rhythm about it so that, when I left and replaced it with a far less rigorous regime, I felt I had lost something.

St. Benedict (5th century) stated that '*to pray is to work and to work is to pray*'.

In other words one should look at life as one complete prayer to God; to offer to Him everything as an act of worship and praise. It is a hard thing to do, and yet in the Lord's Prayer we say: 'Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven'. To allow God's plan to be let loose in our lives. What a different world we would have if this were so!

The first disciples were at a loss when they believed Jesus had left them forever; and yet they were promised that He, Jesus, would never leave them; and so the Holy Spirit came to them to help them achieve all that God required. The same Spirit is with us now, to help us in our prayers and to be the people God desires.

Praying is two-way traffic! God wants to speak to us as much as we to Him!

The thing is to not miss the answer coming towards us because we are too engrossed in telling or asking Him about the same thing or we have moved on to some other subject.

The hymn 'Our blest Redeemer' has the lines: '*And his that gentle voice we hear, soft as the breath of even, that checks each fault, that calms each fear, and speaks of heaven*'.

We sometimes sing 'Be Still for the Presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here'.

These words offer good advice. As J. John puts it: to be still to understand who God is; for then we can start to grasp even more how we relate to Him and He to us.

With prayers, PETER

Saturday 4th September

An evening with **Chicory Tip**. 7.30pm-11pm at East Farleigh WI Hall. Entrance by ticket only (now on sale) £12.50 (includes ploughman's supper). Bring your own drinks. A fun, fundraising event for Holy Trinity Church. Contact Barry Doyle 236170.

Based in Maidstone, Chicory Tip are best remembered for their catchy pop song 'Son Of My Father' that topped the UK Charts for three weeks in 1972. www.chicorytip.net/

New - St Nicholas Church is open to visitors every Wednesday **and now also Saturday** afternoon from 2 - 4pm. Come along and have a cuppa, learn something of the history of the building or just enjoy the special, quiet atmosphere in the Church.

If you wish to visit the church at any other time please contact Mary Price on 01622 741597, or John McKenzie, Churchwarden, on 01622 741318, or Paul & Kath Cooper on 01622 741494.

Linton Park Almshouses (opposite The Bull Inn) is a Registered Charity (No. 262420) that has provided accommodation for older people in this community for many years. Should you be thinking of making or changing your Will, please will you consider supporting this charity by way of a legacy. This is a particularly valuable way of giving and can make all the difference in ensuring the continuance of this landmark in our village. Information about the legacy will not be made public by the Charity, if so requested. If you need any further information please contact the Chairman of the Trustees, Philip Daubeny - 01622 743345

Women Bishops. A communications update from the Church of England refers to draft legislation to enable women to become bishops. They say that in July all 470 members of Synod will have the opportunity to debate the matter and give it clause by clause consideration.

Tearfund - Maidstone Support Group: Wednesday 14th July 7.45pm Loose Baptist Church (meeting at the school site in Boughton Lane Loose. One of Tearfund's Disaster Management Team will talk about how Tearfund plans its response to major disasters. This will be followed by prayers for Tearfund projects and the needs of the world. More information from Karen Mackley 01732 870625; email sanderkl@lsbu.ac.uk or visit www.tearfund.org