

## 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 <sup>st</sup> Wed – Jean 726248: 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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: Rev<sup>d</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> July to Harold Pounds  
745303  
[h.p.pounds@btinternet.com](mailto:h.p.pounds@btinternet.com)

**O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing - Castle Lawn, Tonbridge. Sunday 17th July, 2.30 to 4pm.** Come together and sing. Proclaim in the open air the truths of the Gospel, through song and scripture. Even those who think they can't sing find they can when so many singers surround them. Featuring a full worship band, the Absolute Gospel Company Choir and a guest speaker from Christian Concern who will be sharing the aims of the 'Not Ashamed' movement designed to inspire Christians to stand up for their faith. Further information from [www.absolutegospel.org](http://www.absolutegospel.org) or tel: 01732 364517



## St Nicholas Parish News

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### Services in Linton Church in July

Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00am	Holy Communion 1662
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> July	10.30am	<i>Benefice Service - Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Hunton</i>

### Linton's Strawberry Cream Teas and Art Exhibition

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2011

From 2.30 – 5.30pm, in St Nicholas Church, Linton

Every year, the Friends of Linton Church organise and run the famous Strawberry Cream Teas weekend. And every year, this well-loved event attracts record numbers of visitors and earns a tidy sum for the Friends of Linton Church. Come along and make this another record year for the Friends, because Linton Strawberries are THE BEST, and then there are the cakes.....!!

### St Nicholas Church, Linton Summer Barbecue

(by kind invitation of Mr Philip Daubeny)

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2011, 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.

Heated swimming pool; tennis courts; games in the meadow; or just sit and enjoy 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.

**Centre Pages:** Letter from Eileen Doyle; Jack Sullivan; Church Open; Bible Anniversary.

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Dear Friends,

Like many people I have been busy with my hands, especially over the past three years, as I have been writing many assignments in preparation for my ordination as Deacon this September.

As I sit at my computer, using my hands to write this letter, it reminds me of a story which I would like to share with you now.

During the war an old church in Germany was bombed. Everything was destroyed except a life-sized statue of Jesus. It survived unharmed except for its hands, which had been completely shattered.

Until the church was rebuilt the statue was kept safe in a box. Then it was placed along the east wall. Years later a sculptor was visiting the church. He noticed that the figure of Jesus had no hands and offered to carve new ones for the figure free of charge. He was thanked for his kindness and the church members discussed the matter.

A vote was taken and it was decided not to accept the sculptor's offer. The reason they gave was "The statue reminds us each time we come into the church that Jesus has no hands in the world except our hands".

I thought, what a lovely story. This was about something very fundamental to being a Christian and a member of Christ's body, the church. Without its members, coming together, working together, praying together, Christ would not reach the world of need with His compassion and love. It is good to remember this, as St. Teresa of Avila did when she wrote this well loved prayer.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,

No hands but yours, no feet but yours:

Yours are the eyes through which He is to look out

Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good:

Yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now.

May God bless us all as we share His love and kindness with those who we meet on life's journey. I pray that I too, may use my hands, feet and eyes wisely as I start a new phase of ministry in our Benefice.

Eileen Doyle

### LINTON'S GOT TALENT!

No, not THAT programme, but one of our local boys has been singing on the stage of the Royal Opera House in London. Jack Sullivan, (ten year old son of Fay and grandson of Dick and Ruth Carrington), is part of the Children's company of the Royal Opera House and was chosen to play one of the children in Massenet's opera "Werther" at the Royal Opera House in May. It was broadcast on Radio 3's 'Opera on Three' on Saturday evening 4<sup>th</sup> June. In the Opera the children were heard rehearsing Carols, nothing new for Jack as he sang the opening verse of 'Once in Royal David's City' at the informal carol singing in The Bull Inn in December 2009. Well done, Jack!

**Don't forget** that now that summer is here, **St Nicholas Church** is open every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon from 2-4pm. Already there have been quite a few visitors to the Church during these times, from far and near, including some from Holland. Even if you don't come to church, this building is a big part of the community and is for *ALL* of the community. The history of the building is fascinating and we are discovering more week by week. In 1674 a choirboy carved his name into one of the pews – nothing changes! And what is in the urn in the Cornwallis chapel? Do come along – you will be offered refreshments and opportunity to chat, or the chance just to be quiet in a very special place.

### The Book that Changed the World

An evening of readings, visuals and music in the beautiful setting of the 13th century church of **St Mary's, Leigh**. **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm** celebrating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of the Authorised Version of the Bible. 'The Book that changed the world' is an evening during which this special 'birthday' will be remembered. Selected readings from the Authorised Version will include a number of well-known and well-loved passages accompanied by visuals. The Absolute Gospel Company Choir together with invited guests will provide a rich range of music. The Choir have performed their music in Israel and the United States as well as appearing locally and nationally.

The setting of the church of St Mary's provides a perfect backdrop to an evening that will celebrate, in a variety of ways, a landmark publication in the history of the English church. The wonderful acoustics will ensure that music and the spoken word will combine to create a memorable evening. Admission is free.

Further information can be obtained from [www.absolutegospel.org](http://www.absolutegospel.org) or by contacting 01732 364517 or 01732 833022.