

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

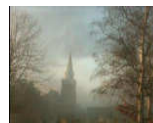
Every Monday Except Bank Holidays	4.20 for 4.30pm	'Wellsprings' silent prayer – The Vestry, St. Nicholas Linton. (Details from 'Cilla 741318)
Term time only: First four Tuesdays in the month	10.00 - 11.30am	'PSST'- Fellowship and Bible study. (Contact Becky Parnham 07949 646865)
First and Third Wednesdays 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 Kate Till 746482 for details. Seekers (6 – 11yrs) Holy Trinity, Coxheath. (Further information from Becky 07949 646865)
Every Saturday	10-11am	Ladies Prayer Group – at the home of Pat Wilmshurst (East Farleigh). Leader, Eileen 204241

The Rector: Rev'd Peter Walker
747570 - Marriages,
Thanksgivings and Baptisms (Not
available Mondays)
Rev'd David Jones - 741474 (Not
available Fridays)
Deacon - Rev'd Eileen Doyle -
204241

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SINCE THE END OF MARCH THE SHORT COMMUNION SERVICE, HELD IN CHURCH ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 12 NOON, HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT LUNCH OF HOMEMADE SOUP AND ROLL WHICH HAS BEEN ENJOYED BY ALL ATTENDING THE SERVICE. LUNCH WILL NOT BE SERVED IN JULY AND AUGUST, BUT THE COMMUNION WILL CONTINUE. 'LUNCH SERVICE' WILL RESUME ON WED 26TH SEPTEMBER.

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Services in Linton Church in July

Sunday 1st July 9.30am Holy Communion
 Sunday 8th July 9.30am Family Service
 Sunday 15th July 8.00am Holy Communion (1662)
 Sunday 22nd July 9.30am Holy Communion
 Sunday 29th July 10.30am *Benefice Service Holy Trinity, Coxheath*

The famous Linton Strawberry Cream Teas on 16th and 17th June made a grand total of £1,170 profit from the cream teas served, the art exhibition, pottery and jam sales, and from Charles Judd's bird table raffle. This is a record sum and a wonderful result. Sue Whitmarsh and her team of helpers worked really hard, the scones were as delicious as ever and the church itself looked lovely and welcoming. A special mention is due to Robert & Camilla Pascall of Clock House Farm, whose kind donation of a large amount of strawberries was greatly appreciated.

Some of the residents of Linton Park Almshouses (opposite The Bull Inn) organised a BIG JUBILEE LUNCH on Sunday 3rd June to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. About 50 neighbours, friends and relatives enjoyed a superb late lunch of barbecue food, salads and 'Eton Mess' dessert. Many thanks to Margaret Rose, Brian and Mandy for all their hard work, and to John and Paul the barbecue chefs! A donation of £40 was given to Julie 'Postie' for the 'Parkinsons' Charity and £40 will go towards the new garden handrails being made for the Almshouses.

End of summer party Saturday 29th September 2012. Put the date in your diary and look forward to an end of summer celebration in Linton Village Hall. Meet up with friends, dance and have fun. Music for all ages. Tickets £10 each including supper. Drinks not supplied. For more information contact Margaret Waller 01622 741236 (In aid of St Nicholas Church, Linton)

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Dear fellow readers,

Well it's happening at last. After years of preparation and many false starts the new Maidstone United Football Club's stadium, The Gallagher Stadium, will host its first match on July 14th. I guess that won't be on the Sky, BBC or ITV main sports news in July!

You know, with all the focus on the European Cup, Olympics and the Diamond Jubilee, life still goes on at a local and personal level. It is so easy to feel that everything happens at the macro level and the micro gets left out or forgotten. The Big Society has been hailed in certain quarters as something new and the way forward for our Society as a whole yet, as the recent Parish Council Annual Meetings and our own Annual Church Parochial Meetings showed, every week, every day and even every hour at a local level people are offering their services, in the main free, and certainly giving them 'freely'. Yes, we may 'knock' the absence of people to stand for election to the local councils yet in reality we should be thanking those who do stand and receive very little in reward or thanks.

It is one of those oddities of the British system that in the Queen's Birthday Honours and New Year Honours Lists it is the 'high profile' people who the media often focus upon. Yet amongst those people in the Lists there are those who are recognised simply because of what they contribute, day in and day out, in their own quiet and effective manner, seldom raising questions, writing to the press or making a public fuss. They might ask the question to the right people, write the letter that makes the difference or go with people who feel vulnerable and need to have the supporting hand to hold. They are people who really care about others.

This is surely one of the aspects of showing Christian love that is the 'gift' of God's Holy Spirit in our lives. God's Spirit can motivate us to recognise the needs of those around us and we respond in a way that leads to 'no headlines' or recognition by the media. So often it is the 'small' gesture, helping hand or voice that is the most effective and is easily crowded in the noise of those or events that grab attention. The Christian faith reminds us that in God's sight we all are valued, even the hairs of our head are numbered (Luke 12 v 7). Amongst all that is going on at this time on the world stage, the individual is still being cared for by a loving God who cares for each of us personally. We are all part of God's world and He loves us and cares for us.

Wishing you 'riveting' viewing - I'm in France on July 14th!

David.

An updated and enhanced edition of the **St Nicholas Linton guide book** is on sale at just £1.50. It contains further information found while preparing the 150th Anniversary and Church Trail in November 2011 and also includes new photographs.

'LINTON PARK' By David H Cleggett. If you would like to borrow this very fine publication – it is a limited edition – please see the Churchwardens.

THINKING OF MAKING OR CHANGING YOUR WILL? PLEASE REMEMBER LOCAL CHARITY, LINTON PARK ALMSHOUSES (CHARITY NO. 262420). A LEGACY CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN ENSURING THE CONTINUANCE OF THIS LANDMARK IN OUR VILLAGE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUSTEES, PHILIP DAUBENY, TEL 01622 743345.

Music at the Bull Inn Linton 6,30 to 9.30pm each Sunday evening this summer <http://lintonkent.org>

SEEKERS - Help required. If you would be willing to help at the Seekers Children's Group, approximately once or twice a term on a Thursday, 3.00 to 5.00pm please contact Rebecca Parnham 07949 646865

Spring Harvest 2013 - If you are interested in going to Spring Harvest next year, possibly the week after Easter, at Minehead please speak to Kay and Tony Mason 820488