

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 August Parish News
By 14th July to Harold Pounds
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Keep in touch with Linton...

See <http://lintonkent.org> or keep an eye on the three parish notice boards: in the Church car park; outside the Village Hall; and in Wheeler's Lane.

Get rapid email advices of crimes in and around Linton - join Linton Neighbourhood Watch! It's free - see <http://lintonkent.org/nhw>

MBC Freighter Service, for free disposal of bulky refuse etc., will be at Wheeler's Lane/Cornwallis Avenue junction from 10.15 to 11.00am on Saturday 25th July. (Also at Hubbards Lane, outside Cornwallis School from 9.30 to 10.00am on that morning)

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St Nicholas Parish News

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The St Nicholas Church, Linton, Garden Gala, held in beautiful sunny weather on Sunday 7th June, was very much enjoyed by nearly 600 visitors and raised the splendid net sum of £4,660 for church funds. Many thanks are due to the gardener owners and allotment holders and the 100 people who helped in so many different ways. Particular thanks go to Beryl and Colin Mills for the best plant sale in Kent and to Kath and Paul Cooper for organising the whole very successful event.

Friends of Linton Church

Strawberry Cream Teas 2.30 – 5.30pm Saturday 11th and

Sunday 12th July.

One of the social highlights of the Linton year is here again! Come along to this popular and well-supported event and have a strawberry* cream tea with scones or cake, biscuits, tea, coffee etc. Sit outside and enjoy the view or wander round the church and churchyard at your leisure. View an ever-expanding exhibition of paintings sculpture and artefacts by local artists or browse among the offerings in the

Hugh and Ann Bird have once again kindly invited us all to another **Parish Picnic** at their home in Birchington on **Sunday 23rd August**. For those who have not been before, this is a yearly event when Ann & Hugh invite us to share their beautiful garden and to meet up with friends we have not seen for some while. We take along our picnic, chairs are supplied but, if you wish, you may take your own. Hugh kindly supplies the drink, alcohol of course, and Ann supplies the coffee and tea. If you would like to come, please contact Jean Avery 747571

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Services in Linton Church in July

Sunday	5 th	July	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	12 th	July	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	19 th	July	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
			11.00am	Family Service
Sunday	26 th	July	9.30am	Holy Communion

Dear All

I listen to the radio a great deal either first thing in the morning or when driving. Classic FM is my favourite channel but magazine or discussion programmes are a very close second. The other day I heard that the cuckoo was now an endangered species brought about by a series of events and happenings that were coming together to cause the numbers of these birds in our country to decline. It was not one factor alone that was causing the problem: in life that is frequently one of the lessons that needs to be learnt. There is often more than one cause or solution to a problem.

I am writing this letter before the results of the election in June and certainly before the effects of those elections will be felt. We all look with anticipation to changes at elections yet so often the expectation is greater than the actual result. This may in part be because there is no one thing that brings about change but a series. Other things need to happen before a real change takes place.

Jesus knew this, as I suspect all of us do, yet he faced the issue head on. He said that change can only come about when it is a total change. Tinkering about with things doesn't bring about the change that is required. Jesus said 'Wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.' (Matthew 7 v 13) and he goes on to try to encourage us not to take the easy options but to look for the right way. That way is not always obvious and is narrow (v14).

I believe that as we have been drawn away from God's way in our lives, the way of truth, love and mercy, so we have found that no changes that we try to make bring any real change. Jesus calls for a total change. He asks us to put our trust in him and the Way, the Truth and the Life that leads to life in all its fullness. You don't vote for that way! You simply seek it through faith in the One who created and goes on creating wonderful relations in the world that God longs for us to live in.

Have a wonderful summer and remember the sun shines on the just and the unjust alike! Jesus wants us all to know his love and warmth in our lives.

David

Church pews - Pitch Pine 12ft long one end only - 4 right ended and 4 left ended for sale at £25.00 each (offers accepted) Ready to collect from mid July from Holy Trinity, Coxheath. Contact David Jones 01622 741474 or email david_w_jones@talk21.com if interested.

Confirmation: Those of you who would like to be Confirmed this year please contact Rev'd Peter Walker at Coxheath Rectory - tel.747570. Already there are 3 adult candidates. No upper age limit!

**Churches Together in Maidstone
Forum Meetings 2009**

Wednesday 8th July at 7.30 for 7.45pm start at Allington Baptist Church, London Road, Maidstone. The Rev'd Stuart Piper, Lead Chaplain for the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Hospital Trust will talk on the valuable work of chaplaincy in our local hospital.

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 of all these services/meetings please contact Rev'd David Jones (Chairman of Churches Together in Maidstone) on 741474 or david_w_jones@talk21.com

**Tearfund - Maidstone Support Group:
Wednesday 8th July 7.45pm Loose Baptist Church, meeting at the school site in Boughton Lane, Loose.**

Wim Mauritz will talk about his work in Darfur for Medair (Tearfund Partner) from 2004 - 2006 focussing mainly on water and sanitation needs.

St Faith's Church Maidstone - Organ Recital by Scott Farrel (Rochester Cathedral) Saturday 4th July 7.30pm Admission £5 at the door, including tea and coffee. St Faith's is next to Brenchley Gardens just south of Maidstone East Station.

Midsummer Music - Maidstone United Reformed Church, Week St. Wednesdays. Church open from 12.30pm. Music begins 1.00pm.

July

1st Sue Greenham and piano pupils
8th Mstone Grammar Sch. Students
15th Trevor Brearly - Organ
22nd Brian White - Bass Baritone
Peter Willsher - Piano
29th Richard Kent - Tenor
Hannah Fox - Soprano

August

5th Judith Buckle - Mezzo Soprano
Matthew Craven - Baritone
Admission Free. Coffee available.
Retiring Collection for The Heart of Kent Hospice

Citizens Advice Service - A document has been received from the C.A. Bureau in Maidstone saying that the need has never been greater for sound practical advice to help people through these difficult times. It gives comprehensive information and statistics about the scope of their work, impartiality, staffing, types of specialist advice and training. This informative document is too long to be reproduced here but is available from Harold 745303 h.p.pounds@btinternet.com
If you are interested in joining a successful and committed team of volunteer advisers and you have one or two days a week available please ring 01622 750770 and speak to Maurice, Guidance Tutor, for more information.