

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 September Parish News by 14th August to Harold Pounds 745303
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Changes to Services/Times from Sunday 5th September 2010

These changes will take place across all five churches in the Benefice. Each church will still have a service every Sunday. There will always be a Holy Communion at one of the churches at either 8am, 9.30am or 11am. Full details of all services across the Benefice will be published in the September Newsletter but, for St Nicholas Linton, services each month will be:-

1 st Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
2 nd Sunday	9.30am	Family Service
3 rd Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (no later service that day)
4 th Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion



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Services in Linton Church in August

Sunday	1 st August	9.30am	Holy Communion,
Sunday	8 th August	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	15 th August	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
		11.00am	Family Service
Sunday	22 nd August	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	29 th August	10.30am	Holy Communion, Benefice Service – East Farleigh

Mike Stevens MBE – As the news came too late for inclusion in the July edition of the Parish News we now offer congratulations to Mike Stevens, Clerk to the Parish Council, on his award of MBE in the June Honours List.

Friends of Linton Church Strawberry Cream Teas event on Saturday and Sunday 26th and 27th June raised a total, after expenses, of £752.36. There was an additional contribution of £111.01 from the bird house raffle and £97.48 in art sales commission. That makes a grand total for the weekend of **£960.85**. Given the competition from the World Cup, that is a wonderful result and, in fact, is our second highest ever.

I want to say thank you to everyone who has contributed to this remarkable success. There are far too many to list, though I would like to mention those who produced the 250+ scones we sold, as well as Robert and Camilla Pascall of Clock House Farm who very kindly donated all of the delicious strawberries used at the event. Thank you again to everybody. **Sue Whitmarsh, Secretary, Friends of Linton Church.**

Editor's Note: Those of us who enjoyed the two days from the consumer's point of view would like to add our thanks to all who worked so hard and, in particular, to the organisers, Sue and Jerry Whitmarsh.

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<p>Hello All,</p> <p>August already and I sit writing this during the first really hot spell of the summer so far. Well, the Football World Cup turned out to be a damp squib for England, Murray did much better but was beaten on the day by a better player, the English cricket team won the One Day Cricket Series against Australia and the new Government (or do we call it a coalition?) have shown their teeth. Don't you look forward to the peace of August, holidays, children at home and you can park at Paddock Wood Station to catch a train?</p> <p>But for one group of people August brings the tension of the results of those examinations held earlier in the summer. For 30 years, as an examination officer, I issued the results to students who over the years increasingly became more and more anxious about the grades they obtained. In the early days the results didn't seem to have the same importance, they came in by post and often students didn't bother to come in to school to collect them, relying on the post to deliver them some days later. Increasingly the results have taken on greater importance in young people's lives and the queue waiting for them grows each year. Expressions of joy and sadness, relief and tears are shown by the students as they open the envelopes. The results are so important for future careers. It is only when we grow older that we realise that life does not depend upon them. What seems important at the time, from the apparently trivial of our team winning a tournament or the league, to the apparently major of examinations, are simply 'happenings' on our journey through life.</p> <p>One of the prayers used by the church says 'that with you (God) as our ruler and guide we may pass through things temporal but that we lose not our hold on things eternal.' Let these words be our prayer for the young people today as they wait for those important results amidst all the tension within themselves and from family and friends. Pray that their sights are set on the bigger picture and that whatever the results of the examinations their lives will be measured in the end on things eternal - the gifts that God gives us, love, joy, peace, gentleness, forgiveness and not always on the 'successes' of the world's values. Pray for the young people waiting for examination results and for those starting new schools, further and higher education and those fortunate to have work to start.</p> <p>David</p>	<p>Picnic invitation - Hugh & Ann Bird have once again kindly invited us all to another Parish Picnic at their home in Birchington on Sunday, 22nd August. This is an annual event when Ann & Hugh invite us to share their beautiful garden and to meet up with friends we have not seen for awhile. We take along our picnic; chairs are supplied but, if you wish, you may take your own. Hugh and Ann supply the wine, tea and coffee. If you do not have transport or do not wish to drive, please contact Jean Avery on 01622 747571.</p>	<p><u>The Children's Society Box Collection</u></p> <p>The money raised from Home Collection Boxes this year amounted to £643.58, down from last year by £59.07. Money collected from Box holders helps the Children's Society to run many projects across the country supporting vulnerable children who desperately need assistance. With your aid they are finding long-term solutions to the problems faced by so many children and young people. The Children's Society thanks you all for your generous donations and for your continued support.</p> <p>Jean Avery</p>
<p>The PCC has allocated 5% of the money St. Nicholas Church received in collections in 2009 (Gift Aid, Standing Order and other weekly collections) to be given to three nominated charities in thanks to God for His provision to us as a Church. Cheques, each for £241, have been sent to Christian Aid, The Heart of Kent Hospice and 'Dandelion Time' a local charity helping children recover from trauma and abuse.. If you wish to know more about this please ask the Churchwardens or Treasurer.</p>	<p><u>The Coxheath Benefice ALPHA Course 2010</u> will commence on Tuesday 14th Sept, continuing each week until 23rd Nov (with a break on 26th Oct).</p> <p>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. A team will lead the course and each evening will begin at 7.00pm with a meal, followed by a DVD presented talk and opportunity to discuss the issues raised. The evening ends at about 9.30pm.</p> <p>The meetings will take place at the home of Kay & Tony Mason and it would be a great help if you would ring or e-mail them to book your place on the course. Contact: Kay & Tony Mason, 23 Bensted Close, Hunton, ME15 OSD tel: 01622 820488 e-mail: kaysey61@yahoo.com</p>	
<p>Saturday 4th September An evening with Chicory Tip. 7.30pm-11pm at East Farleigh WI Hall. Entrance by ticket only - £12.50 (includes ploughman's supper). Bring your own drinks. A fun, fundraising event for Holy Trinity Church. Contact Barry Doyle 236170.</p>	<p><u>Called into the Desert – A Pilgrimage to the Coptic Monasteries of Egypt</u> 2nd-11th May 2011. Cost £1,175pp sharing twin bed room. Led by Canon Michael Inasley, Hon. Canon Theologian Rochester Cathedral, who has led several pilgrimages to the Middle East and has written and taught on the Early Church and the Desert Fathers and Mothers. Rev. Sharon Francis, Secretary, Rochester Theological Society will also be accompanying the group. The event is open to all, ordained or lay. For brochure see Church notice board or contact Michael Inasley, St. Luke's Vicarage, 20 Bromley Common, Bromley, BR2 9PD Tel: 0208464 2076 e-mail: michaelinsley1@btinternet.com</p>	
<p>St. Nicholas Church is open to visitors on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 2-4pm. All are welcome.</p>		