

## 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 July Parish News by 14<sup>th</sup> June to Harold Pounds 745303  
[h.p.pounds@btinternet.com](mailto:h.p.pounds@btinternet.com)

Walks. In addition to Tuesday walks, Friends of Linton Church arrange walks of 6 to 8 miles, with pub stop, on the first Sunday every month, all year round. Lifts available. Contact Jerry Whitmarsh 747572 [lintonkent.org/walks](http://lintonkent.org/walks)

Yalding Scout Group's Garden Safari returns!  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm to 5.30pm - £5 per adult: children free  
Visit 10 village gardens, all within walking distance of Yalding High Street. Plants, refreshments and gardeners' question time. Start at the gazebo sited in the High Street. Details from Karen Martin 01622 814444



## St Nicholas Parish News

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### Services in Linton Church in June

Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am	Holy Communion,
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
		11.00am	Family Service
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Nicholas Church is open to visitors every Wednesday afternoon from 2 - 4pm. Come along and have a cup of tea or coffee, learn something of the history of the building or just enjoy the special, quiet atmosphere in the Church.

We hope to open on Saturday afternoons as well, from June onwards. Please check the village notice boards for details.

*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.*

#### Local Strawberries, Home Made Scones *and* Local Art!

Linton Cream Teas has been appearing every year for 9 years now and every single year it has got bigger, better and has increased in popularity. This year's event will take place over the weekend of Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2.30 to 5.30pm.

This is one of the social highlights of the Linton year, a "must attend" event. Enjoy our famous strawberry cream teas, with Linton strawberries and home made scones. Buy cakes or buns to take away. Look around the church or enjoy the sunshine outside at the tables provided.

In addition to the church itself you will once again be able to view an exhibition of art by local artists, with items for viewing and for sale.

The venue is Linton Church, Linton Hill. Plenty of parking is available.

All monies raised are used by Friends of Linton Church to maintain the church fabric and contents...

*And if you're worried about putting on too much weight, why not come along to the Linton Walks on Tuesday evenings?*

Centre Pages: Peter's Letter; Coxheath School Wildlife Area; Linton Park Almshouses; Mobile Library.

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Dear Friends,

Bill Beatty wrote a book many years ago entitled; 'Tasmania - Isle of Splendour'. It was an apt title for so it is; being the island state of Australia, the smallest and least populated and the second state to be colonised, in 1803. It is an Anglican Diocese with its cathedral, dedicated to St. David, in Hobart, the capital of the island. Hobart is a channel port, the second deepest in the world after Rio de Janeiro. The river Derwent flows for 120 miles and is a source of hydro-electric power.

The capital's backdrop is Mount Wellington, on whose foothills the city is built. The mountain is often covered in snow and much of the city's weather is dictated by the mountain. The island has a temperate climate and though it can be cold in winter, it is never as cold as England and summer always comes on time with temperatures in the upper 20's Celsius.

The state is named after the Dutch explorer Abel Tasman, who made his first reported European sighting of the island on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 1642. He named the island Van Diemen's Land after his sponsor of the same name who was the Governor of the Dutch East Indies. It was officially named Tasmania in honour of its founder in the year 1856.

So it was to this island, which had been home to me for eight years, that my wife and I arrived in early April. We had flown from Adelaide, the capital of the state of South Australia, where I had trained for the ministry and where, on the Sunday, we were able to attend the morning service at the church where one of my contemporaries was the Rector. It was good to catch up on the intervening years and recall some of our madcap antics when students!

Hobart cathedral was where I was ordained and it was good to visit that holy place once again. We visited two parishes where I was a Rector - my first appointment being down in the backblocks of N.E. Tasmania where I had eight churches spread across a valley 45 miles from end to end. It was noted on the Ordnance survey map as 'The Fingal depression'. It was so for many who lost their jobs in the tin mine which closed during my time there. It was great to catch up with one of my former churchwardens and his wife and hear that their eldest daughter, whom I had prepared for Confirmation all those years ago, was married with two children of her own and living in Canberra.

Some days were then spent with my sister and her husband. They live on the outskirts of Hobart overlooking a causeway that stretches across the river Derwent. A magnificent outlook. Space prohibits reporting our other exploits on the island; perhaps another time.

We then flew to the state of New South Wales to stay with Diana's two sisters over a period of a week. Another gathering of the clans (we had one in Tasmania) and a time for Diana to catch up with the wider family of nephews and nieces and their families too. A highlight of that visit was a boat trip on the Parramatta river with two of Diana's former nursing friends. The river is a waterway in Sydney and the main tributary of Sydney harbour, a branch of Port Jackson still 15 miles from the open sea. Sailing under the Sydney Harbour bridge and then rounding the bend to see the Opera House straight ahead was a sight indeed!

This is just a small snapshot of some of the many things we did in three weeks which in total involved 7 aircraft, 10 different beds and no ash to impede our return! In that total was also three nights in Singapore - oh so hot and humid!

This trip once again reminded us of the great beauty of God's creation and that wherever we are we can see the handiwork of our Creator God and that 'the earth is full of His unfailing love' (Psalm 33)

May God bless us all in His service,

Peter

### **Kent Messenger Readers**

**Coxheath School** is in a competition to make the school's "Dream Come True" of developing a new pond and wild life area. From Friday 7th May to Friday 11th June voting vouchers will be in the KM. If you would like to support the children please will you take your vouchers to the school office or pass them on to Marian Simpson 743977 (also very willing to collect!). Your support would be very much appreciated.

### **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 - 743345

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.