

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 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: 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
14th June to Harold Pounds
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Linton Boundary Walk - Rogation Sunday 29 May 2011 10.30am
Tuesday Walks 7pm start -
7th June from E. Farleigh (Horseshoes, Dean St),
14th June from Hill Side House (Sue and Jerry's),
21st June from Tovil (Lidl Car Park),
More information from Linton Village website: <http://lintonkent.org>
or from Jerry Whitmarsh 01622 747572 or Terry Berry 07733 245999



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Services in Linton Church in June

Thursday 2nd June 7.30pm Ascension Day
Service at All Saints East Farleigh

Sunday 5th June 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 12th June 9.30am Family Service

Sunday 19th June 8.00am Holy Communion
1662 (Father's Day)

Sunday 26th June 9.30am Holy Communion

PENTECOST CELEBRATION in the PARK

Sunday June 12th at 3.00pm
in Brenchley Gardens, Maidstone
at the Bandstand or if wet in St Faith's Church.

THE COVENANT PLAYERS

your opportunity to be involved with a Christian Drama Group
from Wales
Supported by 'Onefait'h' the music group
from Maidstone Baptist Church

Covenant Players have been performing since 1963 and are
on the road 34 - 35 weeks a year bringing a unique ministry of
Christian Drama to cities, towns and villages all over the world.

Diary Dates

Linton Strawberry Cream Teas and Art Exhibition in the church,
Saturday and Sunday 16th /17th July - 2.30 to 5.30 pm
St Nicholas Church, Summer Barbeque in part of Linton Park
(courtesy of Mr Philip Daubeny) Saturday 13th August 12.30pm
onwards. Further details next month or contact Kath Cooper 01622
741494 cooperkathryn@btopenworld.com

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Dear Friends

Three major Christian Festivals dominate the month of June. On Thursday 2nd June it is Ascension Day, Sunday June 12th is Whit Sunday or Pentecost is its other name, June 19th is Trinity Sunday added to which it is also Father's Day. If you count four Festivals, one can add June 29th which is celebrated as St. Peter and St. Paul. A day on which quite often a Bishop conducts an Ordination Service.

Which one of these four can I possibly address and do it justice? I'll mention something about three. Ascension Day occurs on the 40th day after Easter. As Jesus ascended into heaven witnessed by the disciples we recall the affectionate rebuke of the angels, 'Men of Galilee, why stand gazing up into heaven?' 'This Jesus will return in the same way He has gone'. Here is the promise that Jesus will return one day. (Don't forget the Ascension Day service on Thursday 2nd June at 7.30pm at East Farleigh).

Pentecost recalls the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first disciples as they waited in Jerusalem having returned from the mountain top experience of seeing Jesus 'disappear'. The Holy Spirit turned weak men into strong men. They, who had fled away when the pressure was really on at the time of Jesus' crucifixion, were now men so emboldened that they preached Christ and Him crucified as the Good News in every sense.

We now live also in the time of the dispensation of God the Holy Spirit. He who makes Jesus alive to us today. We can get so tired of failing to be the person God wants us to be, and it often seems that we are going back instead of forward. The Holy Spirit gives us to be 'people of God' - to make Christ alive!

The Trinity reminds us of the whole glory of the Godhead, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The seeming conundrum for some is how can there be three persons and yet one God? In the mind we tend to think in what has been called a 'Tritheistic' way. Yet, the Holy Spirit reveals the Son, the Son reveals the Father. 'If you have seen me, you have seen the Father' was Jesus' reply.

In our faith we want to be delivered from believing in a distant Deity, or a sweet sentimental man, or a vague Force. As we celebrate these important festivals we surely want to believe in the majesty of the all-holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three persons in one God.

With best wishes for a truly packed liturgical June!

PETER

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, tel 01622 743345.

The Gift of Friendship

Friendship is a priceless gift
that can be neither bought nor sold.
But its value is far greater
than a mountain made of gold.
For gold is a lifeless thing
it can neither see nor hear
And in the time of trouble
it is powerless to cheer.
It has no ears to listen.
No heart to understand.
It cannot bring you comfort,
or reach out a helping hand.
So if you ask God for a gift
be thankful if He sends,
not diamonds, pearls or riches,
but the love of a real true Friend.

(With thanks to David Sendles)

Wednesdays and Saturdays - Church open
2pm to 4pm. Refreshments available. More
information from Kath Cooper tel. 741494