

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, followed by light lunch of bread and soup.
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 -
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East Farleigh Farmers' Market 3rd June. Stock up on treats for the Spring Bank Holiday and Jubilee Celebrations. Profits from the March and April markets were donated to Loose Valley Conservation Society, Kent Association for the Blind - Talking Newspapers and Dandelion Time in West Farleigh

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St Nicholas Parish News

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Services in Linton Church in June

Sunday	3 rd June	9.30am	Holy Communion
		3.30pm	Hospice Service West Farleigh
Sunday	10 th June	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday	17 th June	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
Sunday	24 th June	9.30am	Holy Communion

Notable dates in June:-

Monday	4 th	H.M. Queen's Birthday (Holiday)
Tuesday	5 th	H.M. Queen's Diamond Jubilee (Holiday)
Sunday	17 th	Fathers' Day

The 2012 Strawberry Cream Teas will take place at Linton Church, Linton Hill, on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th June 2.30-5.30pm.

Over the years this has become one of the social highlights of the Linton year, a "must attend" event. Enjoy our famous strawberry cream teas, with Linton strawberries kindly donated by Clockhouse Farm, and homemade scones, buns, and cakes. 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 paintings, pottery, jewellery and cards (and jam!) for sale.

Admission is free and plenty of free parking is available.

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

And if you are worried about putting on too much weight, why not come along to the Linton Walks, every Thursday morning and Tuesday evening? See <http://lintonkent.org/walks>

The Benefice Ladies Prayer Group meets each Saturday morning at the home of Pat Wilmshurst (East Farleigh). Leader, Eileen 204241. All are welcome.

Centre Pages: Eileen's Letter; Rector's Rounds; Jubilee Organ Concert; St Nicholas Guide Book; 'God in all things'; 'Linton Park' Book.

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Dear Friends

What a privilege it is to be living in the UK in 2012. We are lucky enough, if we so choose, to be eyewitnesses to our Queen's 60th celebrations and to the Olympics being held in London. Never before has the Olympic torch passed so close by. As a nation we are rather spectacular when it comes to pageantry, pomp and ceremony. We know how to celebrate with style. I wonder how many of you reading this will be experiencing, first hand, these special events?

Being an eyewitness not only gives us first hand memories but they also come with individual experiences and emotions. There is something very special about being at an event that cannot be transferred by explanation. I am not a football fan, but I found myself being caught up in the thrill of the moment when many years ago, I did indeed attend a match with West Ham United. I'm not sure how I came to be there or who West Ham, the Hammers, were playing, but sure enough I too was cheering my team on and showing disappointment when things were not going the way I wanted. I still hold some hazy memories but cannot say, in all honesty, that the event changed my life.

On May 27th the Church was celebrating the anniversary of a very special event and those who were there on that actual day, around 2,000 years ago, were amazed by the effect it had on their lives. It was more than the thrill of the moment, because what happened would remain within them. It was more than just memories of an incredible event, because the experience was renewed and could be experienced daily. It started with a ripple and more and more people began to experience it. Today millions of people are having the same experience that, in all honesty, is changing lives. What was the event? We were celebrating the first Pentecost when God sent His Holy Spirit to dwell within men and women.

In this short letter, I cannot begin to tell you what it was like to be part of the Pentecost experience that changed my life, but what I can say, is that having the assurance of knowing that God is real, present and active in His creation outshines the very best of human pageantry, pomp and ceremony. If you want to know more of this great event, speak to any of the Ministry team.

Eileen

Rector's Rounds

Revd. Peter Walker will be spending each Tuesday in East Farleigh and each Thursday in Hunton. On each of these days he will be in the church from 12.30pm to 1pm to pray for the needs of these parishes. You are most welcome to attend. Concern has been expressed by the churchwardens and treasurers in the United Benefice that these two parishes in particular are finding it difficult to keep going with the fall in congregation numbers and the ever increasing financial burdens which this situation has presented. Please pray for renewal in these parishes and throughout our United Benefice.

'Renew your Church Lord and begin with me'

Jubilee Organ Concert of varied music at **All Saints Church, West Farleigh** on Friday 1st June at 7.30pm. The organist will be Andrew Wyatt, Organ Scholar in Residence at Canterbury Cathedral. Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine or soft drink..

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.

'God in all things'. A 'Taster' Course in Spirituality on 4 Monday evenings - 11, 18, 25 June, and 2 July at Christ Church, Milton-next-Gravesend, Old Road East, Gravesend, exploring some of the themes of Christian Spirituality. Open to anyone who is searching for God in any way. See posters for more information.

'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.