

Midweek Services and Regular Events in the Benefice of Linton,
Coxheath, Hunton, East and West Farleigh



St Nicholas Parish News
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Mon	Every week (except Bank Holidays) 'Cilla 741318	4.20 for 4.30start	Wellsprings Contemplative Prayer	Linton
Tues	1 st Tuesday of the Month	6.45pm	Compline	E. Farleigh
Wed	Last Wednesday of the month	12 noon	Said Holy Communion (light lunch soup/roll)	Linton
Thurs	Every week	10am	Holy Communion 1662	Coxheath
Sat	Quarterly (See notice sheets for details)	10am	Alternative Service	Coxheath
Last Tuesday in the month		10 – 11.30am	Coffee and chat at Holy Trinity, Coxheath (Contact Becky Parnham 07949 646865)	
First and third Wednesdays in the month		7.30 – 9pm	'The Next Step' – A group that meets for study and prayer. (Contact Anne Whybrow 749704)	
Every Thursday		1.30 – 3pm 3.30pm	'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	
Rector Rev'd Peter Callway 747570 (Not available Fridays)			Churchwardens Mr Roger Bettle 743278 Mr John McKenzie 741318	
Curate Rev'd Eileen Doyle – 204241			Items for July News By 14 th June to Harold Pounds 745303 h.p.pounds@btinternet.com	
Honorary Associate Rector Rev'd David Jones – 741474 (Not available Fridays) Rev'd 'Cilla McKenzie - 741318				
<p>Website: www.achurchnearyou.com/linton-st-nicholas and: http://lintonkent.org/church</p>				
<p>The June East Farleigh Farmers' market will be held on Sunday 1st from 9am -12 noon. Come along and stock up with Sutton Park sausages for your summer barbeques! Buy home-made bread from Hunton Bakery, French cheeses and pates from the French Deli, salads from PJ's farm shop, and chutneys made by Spice of Life and Cat's Conserves for family picnics. You will also find handmade cakes, jams, delicious fruit juices and freshly picked berries to whet your appetite. Finally select your bedding plants, new perennials and vegetable plants from Low Wood Nursery or the Kenward Trust. Sue Morris 01622</p>				

Services in Linton Church in June				
Sunday	1 st June	9.30am	Holy Communion	
Sunday	8 th June	9.30am	Family Service	
Sunday	15 th June	8.00am	Holy Communion 1662	
Sunday	22 nd June	9.30am	Holy Communion	
Sunday	29 th June	10.30am	Benefice Service, St. Mary's, Hunton	

Following an accident on 10th May, Rev Peter Callway has had an operation in Pembury Hospital to set broken bones in his leg and ankle. We pray for his healing and recovery and for all those who will be covering his work and assisting in the coming weeks.

Service - On Saturday 28th June at 3.15pm there will be an **Eucharist in Rochester Cathedral** to celebrate 20 years of women priests in the C of E. The Bishop of Rochester will preach. This celebration is open to everyone.

Local Strawberries, Home-made Scones, local Art and a plant stall!

Linton Cream Teas has been appearing every year for thirteen years now, and every single year it has got bigger, better and more popular.

The **2014 Cream Teas** will take place on **Saturday 21st June, and Sunday 22nd June, from 2.30 to 5.30pm.**

This is one of the social highlights of the year, a "must attend" event. Enjoy our famous strawberry cream teas, with Linton strawberries and home-made scones. Buy a slice of cake or some 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 admire an exhibition of art by local artists, with items for viewing and for sale. And the plant stall will also be expanded this year, by popular request.

The venue is Linton Church, Linton Hill. Admission is free and plenty of parking space is available.

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

We look forward to seeing you there.

And if you are worried about putting on too much weight, why not come along to the Linton Walks on Thursday mornings and Tuesday evenings?

Centre Pages: Eileen's letter; Smiths' Hall Gardens, W. Farleigh; Summer Barbecue; Dr Jazz and Dawn Chorus, W. Farleigh; Pastoral Car Visiting Group.
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Dear Friends

The avid gardeners reading this letter, will know that if your garden is to look colourful and tidy in June, then a lot of work needs to be done prior to now. I must tell you that my very first attempt at gardening was a complete disaster.

I had sowed my seeds in the garden and, as my seedlings were breaking through the ground to form tiny plants, I duly separated them and planted them in neat borders. I was feeling rather pleased with myself. That was until the month of June when the plants were, if I may say, looking rather healthy and quite established. I had a visit from my father-in-law, a well-seasoned gardener.

His first words to greet me were not, as expected, "how lovely your garden is looking". Instead those piercing words echoed around my head, " your garden is full of weeds". Am I the only person who had so lovingly and painstakingly planted weeds in neat borders? I took a bit of convincing, but I eventually listened to the seasoned gardener and, with a bit of work on my part, I have learned from my mistakes. The result today is that my garden is a pretty picture of colour and order without a weed to be seen. If only the same could be said for life itself.

This story reminds me of the perfect gardener. Jesus tells us that he is the vine and his father is the gardener.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful." – John 15:1-2

There are many ways to interpret this passage, but the one that stands out to me, as I write this, is the promise of being more fruitful if we allow God to tend and nurture the garden of our lives. Yes, it may take a bit of work, like removing my ordered weeds, but the results are well worth the effort.

Why not come and join us to worship God, the gardener, in one of our churches and see what he can do in all our lives. This comes with a warning! Be prepared to blossom and flourish and be amazed at what the perfect gardener has in store for you.

Rev'd Eileen

Sunday 1st June Smiths Hall Gardens will be open under the National Gardens Scheme from 11am to 5pm. Admission £4.50.

Also included will be the annual sale of plants in aid of All Saints Church, West Farleigh, to which admission will be free.

Saturday 16th August - Summer Barbecue in Philip Daubeny's meadow. If you came when this was held in 2011 you will know what a lovely site it is. Outdoor heated swimming pool and changing rooms, tarmac tennis courts and we will be putting up marquees in the meadow. If you would like to be involved in preparation for this event please let Kath and Paul know. In 2011 we raised about £1000 for church funds as well as having a wonderful time. Further details to follow.

Summer Concerts - All Saints Church, West Farleigh

Dr Jazz on Friday 6th June 7pm doors, 7.30pm performance.

If you saw Dr Jazz perform at All Saints last year you will remember that this eight piece jazz band gave a foot-stomping, swinging performance that filled the church with sound and was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, both young and old.. Partly it's their enthusiasm: the Dr Jazz Band love their music and it comes across. They played a wide variety of pieces, but you can hear New Orleans and the Blues in every note. This is not nu-jazz, punk jazz or cyber jazz, this is fun jazz. Dr Jazz have been around Kent for a long time, bringing in new enthusiasts when needed. Last November they celebrated 40 years of performances at the Duke of Wellington in Ryarsh. (Tickets and prices - see below)

The Dawn Chorus on Saturday 28th June 7pm doors, 7.30pm performance

If Dr Jazz fills All Saints with sound imagine what the 18-strong singers of the Dawn Chorus will do, The Dawn Chorus was formed in 2007, an offshoot of the Sutton Valence Choral Society. A good name for a choir, you would think, but doubly appropriate since an early supporter was a local singing teacher, Dawn Freer. You won't hear them often; they give three or four concerts a year in Maidstone and around the Weald. The accompanist will be Graham Royston and the conductor Nancy Litten, a highly experienced singing teacher, examiner and choral conductor. The choir performs a wide range of secular and religious music from the 16th to the 21st century. This includes a mixture of popular pieces from musicals and shows to Renaissance polyphony. Some composers have written especially for the group. Each concert begins and ends with a round, so there is an opportunity for audience participation!

Book now, the church isn't very big.

Tickets: Buy at the Good Intent on the Green, West Farleigh or phone 01622 236421/813019 or online: www.farleighevents.com

Prices: Dr J - £10; Dawn Chorus - £8; Combo saver - £15

P.S. Wine and other refreshments will be on hand - not included in ticket price!

Concerts organised by the Friends of All Saints

The Benefice has a Pastoral Care Visiting Group. If you, or someone you know, would like a visit or more information about the Group please contact Judith Barnes, Pastoral Assistant 747934.

Linton Strawberry Cream Teas!

Linton Church A229 Linton Hill

Saturday 21st June and
Sunday 22nd June 2014

2.30pm – 5.30pm each day

Free entry
Free parking on site



***Home Made Scones
& slices of Cake***

LOCAL
strawberries kindly
donated by Clock
House Farm

*** Art Exhibition and Sale ***

*** Pottery and Jewellery ***

*** home made Jams & Preserves ***

***Plant Stall ***

*** famous Bird Table Raffle***



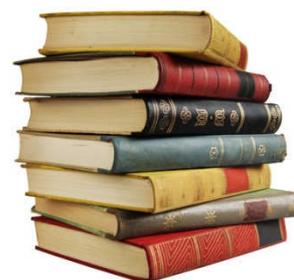
The Village Hall will be open as well!

*** Display of old photographs of Linton &
its surrounds***

*** Meet & Talk to some of the regular hall users***

*** Second-hand book sale***

Bigger & Better
Every Year!



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