

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

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 June News By 14 th May 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				
Website: www.achurchnearyou.com/linton-st-nicholas and: http://lintonkent.org/church				
The East Farleigh Farmers' May market is on Sunday 4 th from 9am to 12 noon and we will be welcoming all our regular stalls, so please pay us a visit and see all the treats on offer. If you are looking for vegetable plants, shrubs or bedding plants for the garden you will find excellent value from Low Wood Nursery and the Kenward Trust. Sue Morris 01622 726164				

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St Nicholas Parish News

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Services in Linton Church in May

Sunday 4th May 9.30am Holy Communion
 Sunday 11th May 9.30am Family Service
 Sunday 18th May 8.00am Holy Communion 1662
 Sunday 25th May 9.30am Holy Communion
 Thursday 29th May 7.30pm Ascension Day, Holy Communion St. Mary's, Hunton

Garden Open – Gallants Manor, Gallants Lane, East Farleigh

Sunday 4th May & Monday 5th May 11am to 5pm for National Garden Scheme for Charity and for East Farleigh Church.

Also on Sunday 11th May 11am to 5pm, for Heart of Kent Hospice and East Farleigh Church.

Admission £5 – Children Free. Tea and coffee will be for sale all day.

The **Eleventh** Annual Linton Parish Boundary Walk will take place on Rogation Sunday, 25th May. Why not come along. See the fantastic views, talk to friends and neighbours.... This is an old parish tradition that used to take place every year, all across the country. Now very few parishes continue or revive the tradition. **Please help us** to keep it going here in Linton, by joining in...

Prizes, for the youngest and the oldest to complete the walk!
Starts at 10.30am prompt from the car park next to Linton Church.
The walk is about 7 1/2 miles long, partly on public footpaths and partly on private land to which access would not normally be available.

There will be a break just after half way at the Stile Bridge inn, where food and refreshments can be obtained.

Refreshments in the Bull Inn after the walk.

Suitable clothing and footwear is recommended, according to weather. Not really suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs, I'm afraid.

More information is available by contacting [Jerry Whitmarsh 747572](mailto:Jerry.Whitmarsh@btinternet.com)

For your diaries - Friends of Linton Church Strawberry Cream Teas and Art Exhibition weekend (Saturday and Sunday 21st/22nd June) in the Church. The Village Hall will also be open, offering further attractions.

Centre Pages: Peter's letter; Dementia Awareness Session; Quiz Evening; Maidstone Symphony Orchestra; Linton Church August Barbecue; East Farleigh Concert Season and Smiths Hall gardens open.
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Dear friends,

I write this as thousands of people are running the London Marathon. My nephew has just finished in a creditable time of 3 hours 58 minutes and his girlfriend is a few kilometres from the finish line. Legend has it that the marathon was first run on the occasion of the Greek victory over the Persians in 490 B.C., when a soldier called Pheidippides ran 25 miles from the battlefield in Marathon, Greece, to Athens to deliver the news. After he arrived, Pheidippides yelled out, "Rejoice, we are victorious" then collapsed and died. The marathon was reborn at the first modern Olympic Games in Athens in 1896 when 17 competitors ran the 24.8 miles (40k) from Marathon Bridge to the Olympic stadium. Marathons of around 25 miles continued until the London Olympics in 1908. Although the length was originally intended to be 26 miles, with a start at Windsor Castle and the finish at White City Stadium, Queen Alexandra requested the distance be extended 385 yards — or 26.2 miles — to the East Lawn so that the royal children could watch the race from their nursery. In 1924 that distance would become the official standard of all marathon competitions. A typical marathon runner will take 40,000 steps and 13,500 breaths, 22,500 heartbeats and will release some 4 litres of perspiration whilst doing it.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews found in the Bible likened life to the running of a race, and suggested that we should run with perseverance the race set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus as the ultimate goal. St Paul, writing to his protégé Timothy, said that he had fought a good fight, finished the race and kept the faith. When we look at our own situations, how are we doing? Are we on course? Will we be able to look back at our tracks and say with some satisfaction "that was a good race well run"? If we still have a long race ahead of us, how are we deciding which route to take? Let us learn from St. Paul, and the marathon runners who are determined to persevere and stay on track, and look to God for our strength and guidance.

Many blessings,
Peter.

Dementia Awareness Session

All are welcome to a one hour session providing information about dementia, what it is like to live with it and how you can take actions to help.

You don't need to know anybody with dementia to benefit from this introductory session, which will be given by Christine Bostock who is a Dementia Friends' Champion.

Dementia Friends is an initiative of the Alzheimer's Society.

The session will take place on Wednesday 7th May at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, West Farleigh.

Quiz Evening - Saturday 10th May in Linton Village Hall in aid of Village Hall funds. 7.15 for 7.30pm start. Tickets £10 each to include a ploughman's supper. Bring your own drinks. Tickets and more information from Jane Brooker 01622 746067 or email jane_brooker@yahoo.co.uk

Maidstone Symphony Orchestra, Conductor Brian Wright will perform on Saturday 17th May commencing at 7.30pm at Mote Hall Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone ME15 7RN.

The programme consists of five works → Ravel - Suite, Mother Goose → Gershwin - Rhapsody in Blue → Ravel - Bolero → Ravel - Piano Concerto → Gershwin - An American in Paris.

Tickets £10, £20 and £25, full time students with a student card £5, from 01622 736830 either cash or cheque only - for collection on the concert evening at Mote Hall. Bookings also on www.mso.org.uk. Tickets for all children up to and including 18 years are free.

For your diaries:

Saturday 16th August We have once again been invited by Philip Daubeny to use his meadow for a fund-raising barbecue. Those of you who came when this was held in 2011 will know what a lovely site it is. There is an 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 £1,000 for church funds as well as having a wonderful time. Further details to follow.

Advance Notice -

East Farleigh Concert Season at All Saints Church, East Farleigh - Friday 6th June "Dr. Jazz" and Saturday 28th June "Dawn Chorus" More to follow next month.

You are asked to reserve these dates for an eclectic mix of music!

Saturday 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 to which admission will be free.