

Hi All

'Remember how fleeting is my life!' Rather a morbid thought, as we get older, yet these words from Psalm 89 v 47 bring life and its meaning and purpose to the forefront in our thoughts. November is a 'remembering' month in so many ways. The changing of the clocks reminds us that winter is not far off. The old rhyme, *'Remember, remember the 5th of November'*... the mists and large piles of leaves collected by the road sweeper on my way to school and the daily bonfires and resultant smoke they created when lit. And finally the haunting sound of the Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph, of marching feet and the singing of *'O God our help in ages past'* and the sounding of the Last Post.

Remembrance is part of life. We learn from the past and recall sad and happy moments and reflect on the experiences that have formed our lives. In one sense it is looking back but, if that is all, then we remain in the past with memories and, the older we get, those memories can well be tinged with regret. But memories can also inform us of the opportunities we have been given and are still open to us.

In the Bible, the children of Israel were reminded over and over again of their past: how their forefathers experienced God's presence on their journey to the promised land, of slavery, of famine, and also of God's goodness to them when they followed His commands. Remembering was a way of being certain about the present and having confidence in the future in the ways that God had dealt with His people in the past.. It's too easy to forget what we learn from the past. When we do that, life can become so uncertain and unsure.

So for me, Remembrance Sunday reminds me of so much that war brings and leaves us with in terms of suffering and pain and that it so often brings little of the peace that we fought to bring about. It reminds us of the futility of so many of our actions when we put our trust in ourselves and not in God. We hear the words *'Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.'* Yet sadly their sacrifice, given for us, is not learnt. Remembering includes 'learning and applying' so this year as we stand for those two minutes out of the just over 5¼ million minutes in a year, stand to remember what we have done or are doing to bring about peace in the world we long to live in.

David

Annual Bereavement Service 2010

This will be held on Sunday 7th November at 3.00pm at St Nicholas Linton. All are welcome at this service that will include the reading of the names of people who died in the last 12 months and whose services were taken by either Peter or David. Refreshments after the service. Good parking on the left, off the A229, just before Linton Village.

Rochester Theological Society and Cathedral

"How Israel Remembers the Holocaust"

A morning with the Ven. Simon Burton-Jones, Archdeacon of Rochester, on Saturday 20th November from 10.00am to 12 noon at Diocesan Office, St Nicholas Church, Rochester. All welcome, clergy and lay. If intending to go, please inform Michael Insley: michael.insley1@btinternet.com 02084642076 or Philip Hesketh: canonpastor@rochesteracathedral.org or Sharon Francis: Sharon.Francis@ukonline.co.uk (For access to Diocesan Office, if arriving late, ring 07527 396403

Maidstone Symphony Orchestra - Conductor Brian Wright

Saturday 4th December at 7.30pm at Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park

Schubert, Symphony No.8 "Unfinished": Weber, Clarinet Concerto No.1 and Elgar, Enigma Variations. After Schubert's ever-popular Unfinished Symphony, Emma Johnson plays Weber's 1st Clarinet Concerto and the concert ends with Elgar's superb Enigma variations, each section representing a musical portrait of one of the composer's closest friends. Tickets £14, £18 and £22. F.T. students £5, 18's and under free. Tel: 736392 or Maidstone Leisure Centre 0845 1552277

5P Men Group meets monthly, is open to all men in the Benefice. and aims to provide friendship within a Christian context through a variety of social activities. The next meeting, on Monday 22nd November 7.15 for 7.30pm start, will feature a talk *'Antarctica; an insight into this amazing continent'* Mike Marsh/Martin Pearson. The programme of events for 2011 will include some exciting initiatives. For information, or to be put on the mailing list, contact Mike Marsh 745702 or David Simpson 743977
5pmen@talktalk.net

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 (Not during School Holidays or Bank Holidays)
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 December Parish
News by 14th November to
Harold Pounds 745303
h.p.pounds@btinternet.com

Wellsprings Contemplative Prayer Attention is drawn to the alteration that from now on there will be NO 'Wellsprings' meetings during school holiday time, or on Bank Holidays. For more information about meetings please contact 'Cilla - 01622 741318

Transport - If you find it difficult to get to a service at St Nicholas Church and would like to arrange a lift please contact 'Cilla McKenzie 01622 741318



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Services in Linton Church in November

Sunday	7 th Nov	9.30am	Holy Communion
		3.00pm	Bereavement Service
Sunday	14 th Nov	10.00am	Service of Remembrance
Sunday	21 st Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
Sunday	28 th Nov	9.30am	Holy Communion

Christingle Celebration - St Nicholas Church Linton

Sunday 5th December at 2.30pm.

Please come and join us in this children's festive celebration

A big thank you to all who have helped with the Open Afternoons at St Nicholas Church this summer. The Church was open from 2-4pm on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from late May until the end of September, and it has been a great encouragement to welcome so many people into our lovely Church. We have had well over 50 visitors during the summer (and they were just the ones who signed the visitors' book). Visitors were very interested in the monuments in the Cornwallis Chapel and other historical details of the Church and we have discovered new things, which we had not noticed before. There have been visitors from near and far; walking groups stopping for refreshments in The Bull Inn and taking time to look round the Church before continuing their walk; people visiting friends and relatives locally; those having a day out from London; and people living and working in Linton. The Bull Inn are always being asked by their customers if the Church is open and this summer they were able to point them in the right direction. Friendships have been made and renewed and so many more people have appreciated the flower arrangements that are so faithfully prepared to decorate the church week by week. *Keys to the church will still be available if you wish to visit during the colder months, from Mary Price on 741597, from John McKenzie, Churchwarden, on 741318, or from Paul & Kath Cooper on 741494.* We hope to start again in May next year so, if you have a few hours to spare and would like to be involved in this, please contact the above people.

Kath

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