

## 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 <sup>st</sup> Wed – Jean 726248: 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	Ladies Prayer Time – All welcome (Details from Eileen 01622 204241)

The Rector: Revd Peter Walker  
747570 - Marriages,  
Thanksgivings and Baptisms (Not  
available Mondays)  
Revd David Jones - 741474 (Not  
available Fridays)  
Deacon - Rev'd Eileen Doyle

Churchwardens  
Mr Roger Bettle 743278  
Mr John McKenzie 741318  
Items for November Parish  
News by 14<sup>th</sup> October to  
Harold Pounds 745303  
[h.p.pounds@btinternet.com](mailto:h.p.pounds@btinternet.com)

**The Yuletiders' Christmas Lunch for the Over 60's will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December in Linton Village Hall. Any 60 year old who would like an invitation, please call Jane Sawyer 746659 or Mary Price 741597.**

**Maidstone Symphony Orch - Conductor Brian Wright. Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at M'stone Leisure Centre, Mote Park. Smetana - Vltava; Greig Piano Concerto, soloist Lara Melda ; and Shostakovich - Symphony No 5 Tickets £10, £19 and £23 Students £5 Children tickets 18 and under FREE. Tel:735830 or Leisure Centre 0845 1552277. Also,**



## St Nicholas Parish News

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### Services in Linton Church in October

Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	October	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup>	October	9.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup>	October	8.00am	Holy Communion 1662
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	October	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup>	October	10.30am	Holy Communion Benefice Service - Observing 'All Saints' - West Farleigh

**N.B. On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30pm Harvest Lunch** will be served in the Village Hall.

**Reminder - British Summer Time ends on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October when clocks should be put back one hour.**

### **150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November St Nicholas Church Linton will be commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the re-opening of the church after major renovations and rebuilding in 1861. The work was financed by the Ladies Elizabeth and Louisa Cornwallis, whose family is remembered in the Cornwallis Chapel with many fine historic monuments. There will be an Anniversary Service at 9.30am when the Church Trail will be officially launched. The church will then be open for the rest of the day, with an exhibition of historic information and pictures and the chance to explore the Trail.

For more information or to arrange for a school, church or family group to do the trail, please contact Kath Cooper on 01622 741494.  
email: [cooperkathryn@btopenworld.com](mailto:cooperkathryn@btopenworld.com).

**ALPHA** Parishes of Coxheath, East Farleigh, Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh. You are invited to the Autumn 2011 Alpha Course running from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September until Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November in Holy Trinity Church Coxheath. 7pm Meal; 7.40pm DVD or Talk; 8.20pm Discussion; 9.15pm Home. Further details from David Jones 01622 741474 or david\_w\_jones@talk21.com

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Dear Friends,

*'Therefore...pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom who we may appoint to this duty' (Acts 6:3).*

This duty was that of helping in the distribution of gifts and aid to the Greek speaking Jewish Christian widows in the early church. Seven were chosen and received the Laying-on of hands for the role of servants - assisting the Apostles as they preached the Word. The most famous of these was Stephen who was later martyred for his faith. The role of Deacon has thus continued in the church and is seen as part of the three-fold ministry of Bishop, Priest and Deacon.

It was a great joy to see our very own Eileen Doyle kneel before Bishop James in Rochester Cathedral and receive the Laying-on of hands for her ordination as Deacon on September 10<sup>th</sup>. *'Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant Eileen for the office and work of Deacon in your church'*

In the Church of England a cleric begins his/her ministerial work at this point. A Deacon cannot preside at the Holy Communion or absolve or bless, but through the ensuing year is trained to be ready for these actions together with learning how to take the many other services and duties of a Priest, so that when the year has been completed the Bishop, together with the other priests present, will Lay-on their hands in the ordaining of the Deacon to the Priesthood. These 12 months and beyond will still continue to be a time of learning and study and I, as Eileen's Training Incumbent, together with you will help her develop her particular ministry in our United Benefice. You will notice that Deacons wear their stole across the left shoulder and tied under the right arm. As with the priest's attire the stole is moved to hang from both shoulders at the point of becoming a priest. In whichever position, it is a constant reminder to Bishop, Priest and Deacon that they are 'tied to Christ' and to the indelible holy orders which are conferred at their Ordination. It is also a reminder that, whether Bishop or Priest, all are still Deacons.

May God continue to bless us all as we seek to exercise our own particular Christian ministry - by virtue of our Baptism - and so build up the church in this place to God's Glory and the furtherance of His Kingdom.

With prayers,

PETER

**First in Kent.** The National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS) has been working with members of St Nicholas Church on an exciting new initiative for children of 8 to 12 years to explore the church. Children will be guided around the building by a map and will be asked to record all sorts of curiosities they see, from 17<sup>th</sup> century graffiti, a tiny carved bee and an Elizabethan lady clutching a skull to more familiar objects, like the lectern, pulpit, and stained glass windows. Many children have never been inside a church, so this is a lovely way to familiarise them, either as a family or in school groups. An answer sheet is supplied, that the adults enjoy too.

Church trails are being designed for churches all over the country but this is the first one in a Kent church.. Appointments can be made for families, school groups or church young people's groups to do the trail. We are sure that children (of all ages) will enjoy themselves!

#### Love reading, can't get to the library?

Does this describe you or someone you know? Kent Libraries offer a free **Home Library Service** for anyone who can't get to a library because of ill health, disability or caring responsibilities. Whether you like fiction, non-fiction, hardback, paperback, large print or talking books, library volunteers can deliver your favourite reading material to your home.

If you would like this service or are able to volunteer to take books to someone or bring someone to the library please contact Coxheath Library on 01622 744130 or: [www.kent.gov.uk/libs](http://www.kent.gov.uk/libs) in the 'services for everyone' section.

We also have a postal talking book service for those with a visual impairment. Phone 01622 605214 for information  
Jan Bedford, Customer Service Development Librarian,  
Maidstone Library, St. Faith St., Maidstone, ME14 1LH  
01622 752344: [www.kent.gov.uk/libs](http://www.kent.gov.uk/libs)

**5P Men Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 'Fit for Life' - CVM Men's day**  
10am - 4.30pm Cost £15 incl. fish and chips. Speakers Carl Beech and Alex Willmott. Transport help available. To book a place call Mike Marsh or Mike Cooper 744047.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October** 8am to 10am. Men's Big Breakfast  
Russell Hotel, Boxley Road, Maidstone. Speaker Steve Seabrook River Medway Police Unit. To book a place call Mike Marsh on 01622 745702 or 07595428639 or email [5pmen@talktalk.net](mailto:5pmen@talktalk.net)