

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
Every Wednesday	1.30 to 3pm	'PSST' - Fellowship and Bible study. For weekly venue, phone Emma 741874
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 Jean 726248
Every second Wednesday in the month	12 noon	Service of 'Prayers for the Parish' at St. Nicholas, Linton
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
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)

Churchwardens
Mr Roger Bettie 743278
Mr John McKenzie 741318
Items for October Parish News
By 14th September to Harold Pounds 745303
h.p.pounds@btinternet.com

The Friends of Kent Churches sponsored bike ride will be on Saturday 13th September from 10am to 6pm involving 700 Kent Churches, including St Nicholas, Linton. Churches will be welcoming riders and walkers, often with refreshments. Money raised through sponsorship is shared between the nominated church and The Friends of Kent Churches who give grants for church repairs. See the website 'Friends of Kent Churches' for information, tee shirts and more, or contact Carolyn Millen 843383.

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Dear Friends,
What would your last prayer be?

I recently read about Nicolaus Copernicus, the famous astronomer, who formulated the first modern theory of the solar system and proved that the sun, rather than the earth, is its centre. His teachings are looked upon as the starting point of modern astronomy. Added to this, Copernicus was a mathematician, jurist, physician, diplomat, governor, and much more!

A short time ago I asked a scientist his view on God. It was a case of 'I'm not really sure that I believe there is a God'. There are many scientists who have a strong Christian belief and see no conflict with their scientific studies and belief in God coming in the person of Jesus Christ.

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Dates for your diary

Friday 26th September - Coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses
Sunday 28th September - Back to Church Sunday
Saturday 11th October - Harvest Supper
Saturday 18th October - Maidstone Symphony Orch. Concert - Dukas, Schumann and Vaughan Williams
Friday 31st October or Saturday 1st November - Light Party
Sunday 7th June 2009 Garden Gala

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Coxheath; Mothers' Union
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Services in Linton Church in September

Sunday 7 th September	9.15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14 th September	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	11.00am	Family Service
Sunday 21 st September	9.15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 28 th September	9.15am	Holy Communion

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Copernicus knew that he was a child of God who had learned to walk with his Saviour, Jesus of Nazareth, and also how he recognised his place before a mighty God. History books tell us that, at the end of his life, Copernicus had asked for the following prayer to be written on his gravestone:

'O Lord, the faith Thou didst give to St. Paul, I cannot ask; the mercy Thou didst show to St. Peter, I dare not ask; but Lord, the grace Thou didst show unto the dying thief, that, Lord show to me'

What a great prayer! It shows the character of a man who was able to understand the greatness of the God of the universe while realising the insignificance of man.

Today, we see many who believe in the greatness of man while wondering at the significance of God.

As Christians our prayer should be that many the world over will recognise the greatness of our God and the hopelessness and helplessness without Him and, with Copernicus, pray for God's grace in their lives and, indeed, in our own!

Peter Walker

Maidstone Symphony Orchestra – Future Saturday concert dates: 18th October; 6th December.2008. and 7th February; 28th March; and 23rd May; 2009. Details will be provided in due course

More notices that have appeared in churches:-

The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Saturday

The Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door

“YESHUA MESSIAH” at

Tonbridge Baptist Church Fri 3rd and Sat 4th October
Christchurch, Tunbridge Wells Fri 10th October
St Luke's, Maidstone Sat 11th October
St Andrew's Paddock Wood Sat 1st November
All performances are at 8pm
Free admission. Retiring offering

'HOPE for Tonbridge and Surrounding Villages' warmly invite you to a performance of a new multi-media musical by Roy and Jenny Atherton.

A team of about 100 people from many different churches, including a choir of over 60 people and actors, dancers and a narrator has been brought together to present a musical with a clear Gospel challenge and a Biblical insight into events to come. There will be high quality music and stunning audio-visual effects.

Yeshua Messiah has as its core the Cross and Resurrection of Christ and His return to the city of Jerusalem as Messiah.

The central character is a real life surgeon who carefully draws parallels between medical and spiritual truths and introduces a number of characters along the way.

This is an evening not to be missed. It is an opportunity to bring guests along to hear the Gospel and also stimulate Christians to think about what they really believe concerning future events.

For further information please ring 01732 364517 or log on to www.hopeintonbridge.org

For information on **Mothers' Union** (see next column) go to www.themothersunion.org or contact Lesley Marsh 745702. All the meetings are open.

5p Mens Group – Thurs 18th Sept 7.30pm at The Bull, East Farleigh. Talk by Mr Don Ellis, a volunteer H.M Coastguard at Birling Gap, nr. Eastbourne

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Saturday 15th November – visit to Glyndebourne Opera (near Lewes) for guided tour of the stage sets and around this world famous venue. Open to all, not just men. Details to follow in the October issue. Hopefully, to go by coach leaving Coxheath around 9am and returning mid/late afternoon.

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If you are interested in coming to the Sept. or Nov events please contact Mike Marsh on 745702 or 5pmen@talktalk.net

Holy Trinity Church, Coxheath are holding a **Harvest Barn Dance** on Friday 3rd October at Coxheath Village Hall, Stockett Lane from 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

Music and dancing to the Springer Sisters Band. Tickets £8 to include Ploughman's Supper (under 12s free). Bring your own drink and glasses.

All are welcome, so bring friends and family.

For tickets please ring Mike Marsh 745702 or Mike Cooper 744047 or email htnewsletter@talktalk.net

Ten members of the **Mothers Union** plus friends enjoyed a visit to **Spadework in Offham, West Malling** on a hot day in July. We learned about how Spadework began; established by parents to provide training for their young adults with learning difficulties and how the charity has grown to offer trainees opportunities in horticulture, catering, computing and woodwork. After a tour of the site, meeting the young people and visiting the plant nursery and glasshouses, we enjoyed a delicious lunch in the Tastebuds Café, served by the friendly trainees. Afterwards we were able to buy plants or merely sit and enjoy the afternoon sun in the grounds. A very enjoyable visit and well worth returning to.