

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 st Wed – Jean 726248: 3 rd 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 10 – 10.45 am	Meeting for prayer and short Bible Study. (Details from Peter 747570) Ladies Prayer Time – All welcome (Details from Eileen 236170)

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 October Parish News
by 14th September to Harold
Pounds 745303
h.p.pounds@btinternet.com

Diary date: Harvest Festival Service - Sunday 9th October 9.30am:
followed by Harvest Lunch at 12.30pm

Your PCC has sent cheques to support three charities this year;
Dandelion Time in West Farleigh (£258); The Heart of Kent Hospice
(£259) and Christian Aid (£258). There are thank you letters on the
notice board at the back of the church



St Nicholas Parish News

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Services in Linton Church in September

Sunday 4th September 9.30am Holy Communion
 Sunday 11th September 10.30am *Benefice Service Holy
 Communion at Holy Trinity, Coxheath (See note below)*
 Sunday 18th September 8.00am Holy Communion 1662
 Sunday 25th September 9.30am Holy Communion

On Saturday 10th September Eileen Doyle is being ordained as a
Deacon (self supporting Minister) in Rochester Cathedral. Please
pray for her as she prepares for ordination.

On Sunday 11th September (see services list above) the United
Benefice Service at Coxheath is to welcome Eileen as she starts her
ministry to the Benefice. This will be followed by a finger buffet
lunch. Please bring a plate of food to share.

There will not be a service at Linton on this day.

St Nicholas Church Linton, Summer Barbecue Saturday 13th August.

We do thank Philip Daubeny so much for allowing us to use the meadow
that is such a lovely venue in the former walled vegetable garden of the
Park. We enjoyed glorious weather and we made a total of £880, all of
which will go to the day-to-day running of St. Nicholas Church. There
were over 100 people there making full use of the swimming pool (88
degrees F), the tennis courts (probably no tennis stars in the making, but
lots of fun), the ping-pong table, and other games. We were able to sit in
comfort thanks to the Bull Inn who had lent us tables, chairs and
umbrellas (essential on the bright sunny afternoon). As usual, Jean
Avery managed to get some superb raffle prizes that made £341.
Thanks to everyone who contributed by putting up marquees and
transporting equipment to and from the field; baking cakes and preparing
salads. Thanks also to Pete, John and Paul who spent the whole
afternoon with 'smoke getting in their eyes' cooking delicious barbecued
meals; and to all of the many other people who helped to make it a
thoroughly splendid afternoon. Kath Cooper. *(Well done, Kath! Editor)*

Centre Pages: Peter's Letter; King James Bible Concert, Tonbridge; Alpha;
Sponsored Ride & Stride; Yuletiders.

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Dear Friends

"I saw an Angel flying in the midst of Heaven having the everlasting Gospel to preach to all those who dwell on earth" (Revelation 14:6)

Was the car journey ever going to get there? I thought, as we wound our way ever upward Mount Lofty with brother Gilbert and Richard, a student at St. Michael's House. I had that night flown into Adelaide and was on my way to St. Michael's. The place had been established back in the 1940's as a training ground for those hoping to become ordained in the Anglican Church. It was a society of brothers who were dedicated to the training of ordinands. 'Was this the place for me?' I had been thinking and praying about this for some time. Those next few days were to decide my future.

Mount Lofty is just that! The bright lights of the City of Adelaide were just like Christmas tree lights way in the distance. Three massive television masts dwarfed St. Michael's. Away from the house it was very dark and the feeling of remoteness was real.

I had arrived on the evening of St. Michael and All Angels, a special feast day for the House. September is that date in the church calendar when we recall the work of the Angels and that of St. Michael. Three days later I left St. Michael's and returned to England to get ready to move to Adelaide and thus commenced my four years with the brothers learning not only about Christian theology but also about how to clean, do my laundry, cut firewood and cook meals! A very thorough training!

The month of September is so called from the Latin 'septem' meaning 'seven'. The Roman calendar counted September as the seventh month. September is always a special month for me since my visit to the brothers on Michaelmas Day, but also the month of my birth and the month of my marriage to Diana.

Now we recall this month for Eileen Doyle who, after her searching and prayerful seeking and training, will become a Deacon on September 10th in Rochester Cathedral. Our prayers are with her and her husband Barry as they enter this new phase of Christian work and Ministry.

I still keep in touch with the brothers who have now diversified in Christian Ministry. They have Priors in Milton Keynes, South Africa, Japan and Australia. St. Michael's House sadly burnt down many years ago in one of Australia's bushfires which raged around the hills about Adelaide.

Meanwhile keep an eye out for Michaelmas Daisies which will be flowering this month, reminder of St. Michael and the ministry of God's angels.

With my prayers, Peter

Wednesday 7th September 8pm **The Bible in Voice and Verse**. A special concert of words and music at St. Stephen's Church, Tonbridge, to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible. The Concert Trio 'In Voice and Verse' tell the story of Genesis to Revelation using the words of the KJB interspersed with the famous pieces of music that those words inspired. Tickets £6.00. Tel 01732 771977 or email enquiries@ststephenstonbridge.org

ALPHA We are holding another 'Alpha' Course at Holy Trinity Church, Coxheath commencing on Monday 19th September from 7.00pm to 9.15pm each night. The evening will start with a meal at 7.00pm and be followed by either a DVD or live talk lasting approx., 40 minutes and ending with a time of discussion. The Course lasts 10 weeks.

The Alpha course is open to everyone interested in discovering what Christianity is about. Come, relax, eat, share your thoughts and explore the meaning of life. For further details contact David Jones 01622 741474 or david_w_jones@talk21.com

Why attend the Alpha course? Guests come to Alpha for a wide variety of reasons - some want to investigate whether God exists; others are concerned about what happens after death; some people have particular questions that they would like to discuss; others want to understand other peoples' beliefs or would like to explore what the purpose of life is.

Saturday 10th September 10am-5pm Sponsored Ride and Stride in aid of Kent churches. Peter Ross will once again be riding for St. Nicholas Church. Sponsors are welcome (there is a sponsor form at the back of the church): half of the sponsor money comes back to St. Nicholas Church. Kath Cooper will collect the sponsor money after the event. Friends of Kent Churches last year gave £140,000 towards repairing churches in Kent. Details on www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk

The Yuletiders' Christmas Lunch for the Over 60's will be on **Monday 12th December** in Linton Village Hall. If you know of anyone in Linton (among old friends or new neighbours) who has reached the magic age of 60 and would like an invitation, please contact Jane Sawyer 746659 or Mary Price 741597.