

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



**St Nicholas Parish News**  
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	Frequency	Time	Service	Location
Tues	First Tuesday of month	6.45pm	Compline	E. Farleigh
Wed	Last Wednesday of month	12 noon	Said Holy Communion (Light Lunch, Soup/Roll)	Linton
Thurs	Every week	10am	Holy Communion	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		
<b>Rector</b> Rev'd Peter Callway (01622) 747570 (Not available Fridays) <a href="http://www.unitedbenefice.church">www.unitedbenefice.church</a>		<b>Churchwarden</b> Mr Roger Bettle 743278		
<b>Honorary Associate Rector</b> Rev'd David Jones (01622) 741474 (Not available Fridays)		<b>Items for February News</b> by 15 <sup>th</sup> January to Harold Pounds 745303 <a href="mailto:h.p.pounds@btinternet.com">h.p.pounds@btinternet.com</a>		
<b>Associate Rector</b> Rev'd Eileen Doyle (01622) 204241 (Not available Mondays or Tuesdays)				
<b>The St Nicholas Parish News.</b> Thank you to the dedicated team who deliver the Parish News to every home in the village of Linton and who have been trudging the highways and byways for quite a few years now. However, we need someone to take over some of the delivery in Wheelers Lane, Barnes Lane and Westerhill Road (lower section). Could you please contact Colin Mills on 01622 744178 if you are able to help with this. Many thanks.				
Website: <a href="http://www.achurchnearyou.com/linton-st-nicholas">www.achurchnearyou.com/linton-st-nicholas</a> and: <a href="http://lintonkent.org/church">http://lintonkent.org/church</a>				

**Services in Linton Church in January**  
 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 9.30am Holy Communion Revd David Jones  
 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am Family Service Revd Eileen Doyle  
 Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 8.00am Holy Communion 1662 Revd Peter Callway  
 Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am Holy Communion Revd Peter Callway  
 Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 10.30am Benefice Service, East Farleigh Revd Peter Callway

**Thank you to Wendy Griffiths and her team of flower arrangers** for all their work during the year to make St Nicholas Church look so beautiful

**Thank you to Mr Paul Firmin** for providing and installing the Christmas tree and lights outside the church.

**Messy Christingle!**  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016, from 2.30pm to 5pm**  
**St Nicholas Church Linton invite you to join us for fun, fellowship and food.**  
**For all the family (0 – 99years!) Don't know what a Christingle is? contact Becky on 07949 646865 or email [becky.thecat@btopenworld.com](mailto:becky.thecat@btopenworld.com) for more information or to reserve your family's place and 'get Messy'.**

**Linton Parish News** is produced by St Nicholas Parish Church. It is for the whole village community and is delivered to every home in Linton. We would like to include more news and information about the village – what goes on in the Village Hall, news of what the Parish Council is doing, significant birthdays and anniversaries, amazing and interesting things you or someone you know in the village is doing, in fact anything you think will bring the village community together. (Sometimes space may be limited and, of course, we reserve the right to edit or reject inappropriate items!). Just email Harold Pounds on [h.p.pounds@btinternet.com](mailto:h.p.pounds@btinternet.com) or telephone 01622 745303 by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the following month's edition. January 2016 is the 156<sup>th</sup> edition of Linton Parish News which we started in 2003. We hope that you find it interesting and useful and we would love to make it more so with your input.

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## January 2016

Another year comes round again and with it the thoughts from previous years. One hundred years ago my grandparents got married, seventy five years ago my parents did the same and fifty years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1966, I got married. (25 years ago nothing happened!). Strange how figures, numbers and events can form patterns when we least expect them. When I taught mathematics there were always two series that occurred in natural life that led to the lesson on 'the birds and the bees'. One sequence was the human one; each of us required 2 parents, 4 grandparents, 8 great grandparents and so on. The other was a sequence, named after a 13<sup>th</sup> century mathematician, Fibonacci. The sequence begins 1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21... Each new number is the sum of the previous two. Looks good but is not the rule in many places not least in the life of bees! A bee is sexed by the type of parents it has. So a male bee only has a mother and no father whilst a female bee has both mother and father! If we therefore trace back the family of a male bee, he had a mother, who had a mother and father, who in turn only had 3 grandparents and then 5 great grandparents and so on.

There, it's wonderful what we find out at times.

But what has this to do with a new year? In one sense absolutely nothing. But on the other hand, if you're the sort of person who can be amazed at the wonders of this world, a world that God created, you can be amazed at what at first can look ordinary and unconnected becoming part of some amazing pattern and we are opened up to the true wonders of life with all its beauty, wonder and amazing pattern. All we have to do is to look, be open to ideas, to see the world through eyes that are like a child who when they see something for themselves for the first time can be so excited. So, as we begin a new year, look for the patterns, the wonder and the joy that we can find around us. Let us keep looking, listening and being amazed and excited about what 2016 may offer and accept the opportunities that we are given.

David

## Linton Yuletiders

Jane Sawyer and Sue Whitmarsh would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Yuletiders' lunch on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December such a success. From moving furniture, decorating the hall and tables, cooking and serving the delicious food and drink... and for coming! Yuletiders is a wonderful thing for a village community to be able to provide. See you all next year. If you are a Linton resident, and you will be 65 or over by this time next year, contact Jane or Sue to be added to the invitation list.

**Giving Envelopes** are now available for 2016. The congregation of St Nicholas generously supports the work of this church which costs over £500 a week. Many give a regular proportion of the income God has given them, either through a monthly bank standing order or by weekly envelopes. If you would like to consider giving in this way for God's work here, please see the Treasurer or Church Warden. If you pay UK income tax we can reclaim an extra 25% from the Government - that's £1.25 for every £5 you generously donate. .

## Another successful year for the Linton Walkers

The Linton Walkers organised 88 walks in 2015, and raised a record sum of £1,562 for charity. Walkers paid £1 per walk, which enabled donations to be made this year to The Friends of Linton Church, to Dode, Hunton and Otham churches, to the Loose Valley Conservation Society and to Buttercups Goat Sanctuary. The organiser, Jerry Whitmarsh, comments: "The walks give so many things, not just healthy outdoor exercise and an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful Kent countryside, but also provide a friendly social scene, and raise money for good causes, especially The Friends of Linton Church (for which, over £7,400 so far!). My grateful thanks to everyone who has contributed". Find out more at: <http://lintonkent.org/walks> or contact Jerry ([jerry@jerrywhitmarsh.com](mailto:jerry@jerrywhitmarsh.com)).

## New Year's Day Walk 1<sup>st</sup> January

Starting at 11am from Staplehurst, Bell Lane car park, to Frittenden and back (about 5 miles). This walk is flat, with not too many stiles, but may be muddy if it has been wet! There are some lovely views over the Weald and the pubs at each end are both open on New Year's Day. There will be a stop half way at the Bell and Jorrocks in Frittenden. [www.facebook.com/LintonWalkers](http://www.facebook.com/LintonWalkers). Contact Jerry or just turn up!

## Thank You Friends of Linton Church and Linton Walkers

We are very grateful to the Friends of Linton Church for their support in assisting to maintain the fabric of St Nicholas church this year. As well, we are pleased to thank Linton Walkers who have benefited the church by the amount of money they have raised in 2015.. We also congratulate Jerry Whitmarsh who, in what is believed to have been a need to take some light exercise, walked the whole length of the Pyrenees from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean this summer.

HM Queen and US Presidents since 1952 ( December 'News') - Harry S Truman '45; Dwight D Eisenhower '53; John F Kennedy '61; Lyndon B Johnson '63; Richard Nixon '69; Gerald Ford '74; Jimmy Carter '77; Ronald Reagan '81; George H W Bush '89 Bill Clinton '93; George W Bush '01; Barak Obama '09.