

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 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
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 July Parish News
By 14th June to Harold Pounds
745303
h.p.pounds@btinternet.com

The Bishop of Rochester's visit to Holy Trinity, Coxheath
On **Sunday 14th June 2009 at 6.00pm** the Bishop of Rochester, The Rt Rev Dr Michael Nazir-Ali, will be presiding and preaching at one of his last services in the Diocese when he comes to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Dedication of Holy Trinity Church that took place on 14th June 1884 by the then Archbishop of Canterbury. A welcome is extended to all parishes in the benefice to this service which will be followed by a reception for all attending.

Printed by KTC Office Supplies, 21 Pudding Lane, Maidstone 01622 758853



St Nicholas Parish News Issue 77 June 2009



Linton Garden Gala Sunday 7th June 2009 2- 6pm

Doesn't our village look wonderful in Spring and early Summer! St Nicholas Church, who are organising the Garden Gala, are grateful to so many people in the village for making an extra special effort for this event, picking up litter, mowing grass verges, even painting their houses. The Bull Inn has also had a new coat of paint.

There will be 11 gardens open, as well as the allotments and the Church, all accessible from 4 car parks. The 12th open garden is a special bonus, a lovely garden on the way to Marden; a short drive, but well worth a visit. A wide variety of good quality plants will be on sale at St Cross, on Linton Hill, including shrubs, herbaceous and bedding.

Linton Cream Teas are becoming well known and lots of people are busy baking scones and cakes for you to enjoy with a cup of tea while relaxing in two of the gardens during the afternoon.

If you've never been inside the parish church of St Nicholas, why not take this opportunity to enjoy some peace and quiet? There are some interesting monuments inside, some by E H Bailly who sculpted the figure of Nelson in Trafalgar Square.

The aroma of roast pork might be in the air, as The Bull Inn will be putting on a 'Hog Roast' at £10.95, which might be a good way to end the day and to visit their award-winning garden.

Tickets and a guide will be available at the car parks at £5 each, giving access to all 12 gardens. Accompanied children will be admitted free of charge.

Come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon, whatever the weather!
Information - Paul & Kath Cooper (01622 741494)

Centre Pages: Peter's letter; Services; Strawberry Teas; Children's Society;
Back Page: Regular Events; Who's Who; Bishop of Rochester. Neighbourhood Watch.

Dear Friends,

Trinity and Pentecost

June 9th is Trinity Sunday. It was once described to me as 'The Preacher's nightmare'. In other words how does one speak in a way which makes sense of our God who is three persons and One God?

The festival is late in origin; it began to be observed early in the tenth century and was not made obligatory until early in the fourteenth century.

I always tend to talk about the qualities of our God. The Father who created, the Son who redeemed us by the cross, and the Holy Spirit who makes God real to us today and empowers us to do His work. Simple examples are often used - water, steam and ice are, as all schoolboys and girls in the chemistry lab will know, H₂O. Saint Patrick used the example of the shamrock leaf.

Trinity Sunday falls on the Sunday after Pentecost. That festival of the church recalls how the disciples, having returned to Jerusalem, awaited the coming of the 'power from on high'. That was the promise of Jesus to his disciples as he left them at the Ascension. Their commission was to 'make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit'. This work, on which they were about to embark, could not be done without supernatural strength. This 'power from on high' was unknown to them until that first day of Pentecost when, as the Scriptures report, they were all 'filled' with Holy Spirit.

It is in this empowering that we too are given the strength to be faithful, and to do the Lord's work.

Those who have done the 'Alpha' course will know that three sessions are used to teach about the Holy Spirit. Usually it is taught over a whole day: but it is more than just teaching, it is experiencing.

As we remember this month the Holy Trinity (Coxheath church has this as its dedication) and also that first day of Pentecost, we recall that great commission of Jesus given to the disciples which has been passed down to us today and, in the power of the same Holy Spirit in the Name of the Holy Trinity, we seek to be the people God created us to be.

Peter

Services in Linton Church in June

Sunday 7th June 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th June 9.30am Holy Communion

6.00pm Bishop of Rochester at Holy Trinity Coxheath (See back page)

Sunday 21st June 8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

11.00am Family Service

Sunday 28th June 9.30am Holy Communion

3.30pm Heart of Kent Hospice Service

Friends of Linton Church

Strawberry Cream Teas 2.30 – 5.30pm Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th July 2009.

Yet another record success last year! Come along to this popular and well-supported event and have a strawberry Cream Tea with scones or cake, biscuits, tea, coffee etc. Sit outside and enjoy the view or wander round the church and churchyard at your leisure. View an ever-expanding exhibition of paintings, sculpture and artefacts by local artists. Last year's successful plant stall will also feature again.

The Children's Society

Jean Avery, who wishes to thank you for your constant support by having one of The Children's Society boxes, is now collecting them in again to be emptied. If you wish, you may bring your boxes when you come to church – this would be very helpful and much appreciated.

Linton Neighbourhood Watch in Difficulties *(taken from Linton Parish website)*

Although Linton is only a small village, many of our local facilities are doing well: the Church has the largest congregation in the benefice, the almshouses are fully occupied and in apple-pie order, the village hall is almost fully let and is being refurbished and the Bull Inn is looking good too.

One village institution that has never quite "caught the wave" is the Linton Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. It has had a succession of different co-ordinators over the years but has never quite got off the ground. Although the level of interest remains high, we are currently without an organiser or co-ordinator. Are you willing to help? It is not really an onerous job, and it represents a way to make a real contribution to the village and its residents. All the scheme needs is a bit of fresh life and some continuity.

If you are interested in contributing to our village in this way, or would like some more information, please do step forward – talk to Jerry Whitmarsh 747572 or to any Parish Councillor.