



## St Nicholas Linton April 2025

**Don't forget: clocks go forward an hour before bedtime on Saturday 29th March**



### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Mothering Sunday**

11am All Age Worship at Coxheath

11am Family Service at Hunton

**2.30pm Afternoon Teas at Linton**

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Lent 5**

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

9.30am Morning Prayer at East Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Palm Sunday**

**9.30am Morning Worship at Linton**

9.30am Holy Communion at West Farleigh

11am Morning Worship at Coxheath

### **Holy Week**

There will be a service of Compline at 7pm on

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April at West Farleigh

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at East Farleigh

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at Hunton

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday**

**7pm Holy Communion at Linton**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday

2pm A Hour at the Cross at Coxheath

### **EASTER DAY**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April** 9.30am Holy Communion at

Linton & West Farleigh

11am Holy Communion at Coxheath & Hunton

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**9.30am Holy Communion at Linton**

9.30am Morning Worship & APCM at West Farleigh

11am All age worship at Coxheath



### **Tuesdays 25<sup>th</sup> March & 29<sup>th</sup> April**

10am -12 noon **Community coffee**

**mornings** in St Nicholas Linton.

### **Every Thursday**

10am Midweek Holy Communion, Coxheath Church

### **Mothering Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

2.30 – 5pm As this is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, we do not have a worship service in St Nicholas Church, but will be serving Cream Teas in Church. Bring your Mum, or anyone else you would like to treat on this



special day. If you are able to bake any cakes or scones, please let Margaret or Kath know.

### **Lent 2025**

Informal Lent gatherings continue at Forge Cottage in Linton on Wednesdays 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2nd and 9<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. The last session on 9<sup>th</sup> April will be followed by Holy Communion and a light lunch

### **Friends of Linton Church AGM**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in church



### **Messy Easter**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April from 3 – 5pm.

Easter themed craft for all the family to enjoy together. Hear the Easter Story

and share some food.

### **St Nicholas Church Electoral Roll**

Every six years a completely new church electoral roll is prepared. This will take place between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April. If you are on the current electoral roll you will need to apply again so forms are now available in church. New applicants are welcome and this entitles you to vote and take part at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The Annual Parochial Church meeting of St Nicholas Church will take place on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm** in Church.

### **Pastoral Letter from Rev David Jones**

Dear fellow hibernators

Easter Sunday falls this year on April 20<sup>th</sup> Easter being the great festival and celebration of the Christian Church. When I first came to Coxheath in 1967 it fell on Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>. It is a movable feast and can fall on any Sunday between March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup> and the date is calculated according to the moon. In the service on Easter Sunday the opening words are usually the greeting. 'Christ is Risen, Alleluia' to which the congregation reply 'He is risen indeed, alleluia' reminding us that, after the events of Good Friday when Jesus was crucified, the 'enemy', death was defeated and Christ rising conveys the understanding that life goes on and there is hope.

As a youngster living in the suburbs of London, Easter was the first real school holiday of the year and we would go off to stay near Grannie in the countryside. One year we went to Glastonbury to see her, and the banks of grass leading up to the Tor were covered in primroses, lambs grazed in the fields, catkins hanging from the trees and leaves just showing life. It was wonderful. The long cold days and dark nights were almost behind us.

I got the same feeling when I first came to Coxheath, walking the footpaths along the Greensand Way. The difference was that in Coxheath the wind still blows cold until the end of May. But still, the sun shining, some warmth in the sheltered places gave us hope and still does.

I hope that Easter offers you 'hope', the warmer weather brightens your lives and we see people coming out for walks on the footpaths as the blossom breaks through and the longer days together remind us of God's power and authority in a world that at times seems to have lost order and purpose. Have a great Easter and look forward with hope.

*David*

## **Diary Dates**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June

A return of the very popular Teddy Zip Wire event.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September

3pm Concert by the Kent Police Male Voice Choir.

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**Church spring cleaning day.** Thank you to everyone who turned out to give the church a grand spring clean. A very satisfying morning.  
3 – 5pm Messy Easter at Linton

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### **Second-hand book library in St Nicholas**

If you love it, keep it. £1  
If it's a good read, swap it for another. 50p  
Donations welcome

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### **Brew and a Bite on Tuesdays at Holy Trinity,**

Coxheath. We are open during school term times every Tuesday 12 noon-7.00pm.

From 5.30 – 7.00pm this is a time specifically for a youth group in school years 7 -13

There is no charge but you are invited to give a donation if you so wish.



Coxheath Area Branch

Check out our Face Book page for latest news from

our local branch and national and international items, too! Meetings are held in member's homes, usually at 2pm. Contact Lesley on 07814 817204 or Margaret on 07729 176762 for venue, or email

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## **BENEFICE CONTACTS**

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For up to date details about benefice group meetings please contact the following people:

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Men's Prayer Group	Mike Marsh 07595 428639
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Our Benefice and five Benefice Churches website is

[www.unitedbenefice.church](http://www.unitedbenefice.church)

