



## St Nicholas Church Linton April 2021

**As we celebrate the most significant event in history**, Jesus Christ raised from the dead to bring peace and hope to a sinful, troubled world, we pray that the hope that is within us will overflow into our world and, as we are able to meet again in person, that we will bring a message of positivity, reconciliation and hope to those we meet. Happy Easter, and many blessings.

Kind regards, Peter

**Easter Services in the united benefice are a mix of in person and online.** All online services are at <https://bit.ly/UnitedBenefice> In Coxheath at Easter there will be a small team in church and the service will be broadcast over Zoom. Holy Trinity Coxheath will remain closed for Sunday Worship, with services broadcast over zoom until the next decision point. All are welcome to any service, following strict social distancing guidelines.

### **GOOD FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

10.30am All age Worship online  
2.30pm Stations of the Cross online

### **EASTER SUNDAY – 4<sup>th</sup> April**

8am Holy Communion at East Farleigh  
**9.30am Holy Communion at Linton,**  
Hunton and West Farleigh  
10.30am Online service from Holy Trinity Coxheath.  
(The Church will only be open to the ministry team.)

### **SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April**

**8am Holy Communion at Linton**  
9.30am Morning Prayer, followed by Holy Communion at West Farleigh  
10.30am Online service

Sunday online services can also be accessed by phone at 10.30am Sunday mornings: Dial 0203 051 2874 Enter 185124308 #,# Enter# Password 316

### **SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> April**

8am No service  
9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh  
9.30am Family service at Hunton  
10.30am Online service and Holy Communion

### **SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> April**

8am Holy Communion at East Farleigh  
9.30am Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion  
at Linton  
10.30am Online service

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Midweek Holy Communion Services at Holy Trinity Coxheath will resume on Thursday 8th April at 10am or online at <http://bit.ly/ThursdayCommunion>

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Online Study Groups Please let the Rector know if you would like to join a midweek online study group which will be resuming shortly.



***During lockdown we haven't been able to hold MESSY CHURCH here or even gather in the church grounds.*** *The poster boards in the churchyard are for everyone to ponder God's story. We hope you enjoy wandering around our lovely church grounds and look forward to meeting again in Church SOON!*

### **April Pastoral Letter from our Children & Families Worker**

As I write this, the year ahead seems to be full of hope and the promise of freedom. The Government have released details of their 'roadmap' out of lockdown. The vaccine programme is rolling out faster and more efficiently than was originally expected. Schools have reopened to all pupils and we are seeing the restrictions on our movements slowly being lifted.

There is light at the end of the tunnel! Even if it comes with a caveat that the dates are not set in stone but only the earliest at which the next step will be taken; the announcement has given us all hope. It's an indicator that soon we will be able to reconnect with those we have missed and return to a pattern of

life free from many of the restrictions we have been living under.

The announcement coincided with the changing of the seasons bringing longer, brighter, warmer days and now we've passed the equinox it's officially Spring. The signs of new life that we see in the natural world fill us with a lighter, more hopeful spirit after the darkness of the winter.

After such a long time separated it is certain we will all be experiencing a mix of emotions. Fear, of what's to come, of being near people again. Sadness, at the time, people and things we have lost. Anxiety, of what if it happens again; what if, what if ..... But there will also be happiness, laughter and tears of joy when we meet up with family and friends again in person rather than through a screen or on the end of a telephone line.


As Christians we will also be celebrating the most hopeful season of our faith this month – Easter. We see the crucifixion of Jesus not as a loss, but as a victory! We can look back at the events of over two thousand years ago, secure in our faith and knowledge that he triumphed over death and rose from the grave to show us the depth of God's love for us all. This is the Christian's light at the end of the tunnel, this is where we find hope; and it's the same for everyone who chooses to follow Jesus.

Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!  
Happy Easter! Here's to hope  
wherever you find it!

Becky Parnham



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