



## St Nicholas Church Linton July 2021

### **Benefice Services in July**

#### **Online services at 10.30am every Sunday**

On Computer, Tablet or Smartphone:

<http://bit.ly/UnitedBenefice>

Or by phone

Dial 0203 051 2874 Enter 185124308 #,# Enter#  
Password 316

#### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July Trinity 5**

9.30am Holy Communion at Hunton

#### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July Trinity 6**

##### **8am Holy Communion at Linton**

9.30am Morning Prayer at West Farleigh, followed by  
Holy Communion

#### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July Trinity 7**

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

9.30am Family service at Hunton

#### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July Trinity 8**

8am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

##### **9.30am Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at Linton**

#### **Worship at Holy Trinity, Coxheath**

Holy Trinity Church Coxheath will remain closed for  
Sunday Worship, with services broadcast over zoom  
until the next decision point.

#### **Every Thursday**

10am Midweek Holy Communion at Holy Trinity  
Coxheath. Also online at

<http://bit.ly/ThursdayCommunion>

**Online Study Groups** will continue on Zoom on  
Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm and Wednesday  
evenings at 7.30pm. Please let Peter Callway know if  
you would like to attend or would like more  
information. Even if you've never done anything like  
this before do please consider it.

#### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

##### **2.30pm Bishop James' livestream Farewell Service from Rochester Cathedral**

All are welcome to join a live stream Service of  
Thanksgiving and Farewell via the Diocesan Facebook  
Page. Bishop James has served as Diocesan Bishop of  
Rochester for 10 years.

Bishop James said it had been a huge privilege to  
serve the people and parishes of the Diocese and to  
be part of so many journeys of faith:

*"I have been so pleased to be here and to have been  
part of the life and story of the Church within this  
Diocese, its mission and its Christian presence. I've  
hugely valued being able to be on the ground in our  
parishes, with our chaplains, in our mission initiatives,  
and not least with some of our community  
engagement.*

*One of the highlights for me has been to see all those  
individuals who have responded to God's calling,  
whether through confirmation, or conversion, or in  
ordination or lay ministry in its many forms. To see  
people on a journey of discipleship is the most  
important thing of all and I've been really grateful to  
be part of that."*

#### **Children's Society 'Thank You'**

Many thanks to all box holders for your continued  
generosity in supporting vulnerable children and  
helping ensure that they have a better and safer  
childhood. The sum raised by Linton and Coxheath  
during 2019 – 2021 was the great sum of £700.11.  
Thank you to David Jones who kindly collected the  
boxes and banked the money this year. If you would  
like to find out more or become a box holder for the  
Children's Society by collecting some of your loose  
change do please speak to Marian 743977

#### **David Simpson**

We were saddened to learn of the death of David  
Simpson, who served as Churchwarden at Holy  
Trinity, Coxheath for many years. We pray for  
comfort and strength for Marian and the family and  
the whole family of the church at Coxheath. David's  
funeral will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm  
at Holy Trinity Coxheath. Because of the current  
restrictions, it will not be possible for all to be  
physically present, but the service will be broadcast  
online. Details are as follows:

<https://bit.ly/DavidSimpsonFuneral> or

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86450477011?pwd=OEhnCjVEUUtNcmxQYkhEZ3Jl5eVlKUT09>

Meeting ID: 864 5047 7011

Passcode: 316

If you would like to be outside the church when David  
arrives please feel free to do so but please remember  
social distancing guidelines.

#### **Alison Ellman-Brown**

We were also shocked to hear of the death of Alison,  
who was churchwarden at St Mary's Hunton. Our  
prayers are for her family and friends in Hunton.

#### **Pastoral Letter from Sue Elliott**

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter on 11<sup>th</sup> June. By the time you  
read it we will all know whether the lockdown was  
eased on 21<sup>st</sup> June; whether it has been extended;  
whether we can holiday in certain countries; whether  
a third wave is here. So much uncertainty at present!

I want to take you back to another time of great  
uncertainty, the Second World War. On the wall of a  
concentration camp a prisoner scratched these words:

*I believe in the sun even when it is not shining.  
I believe in love even when I feel it not.  
I believe in God even when He is silent.*

Such powerful words! This person has had their  
freedom, their friends and the people they love taken  
away in the most dreadful of circumstances. We can't

compare ourselves to this horror but this might be a little bit how the last year has seemed for us in that we have not had the freedom to go where we want when we want; no meeting up with friends; many of us losing loved ones. There was something that the prisoner was sure of in the midst of all their loss – that even if they couldn't hear God they had the faith to know He was there with them.

Many years ago I wrote a song with the words:

*Oh my God, where are you now?  
I'm so frightened and so full of doubt.  
Oh my God, are you there?  
When I'm discouraged I need to feel your love....*

It wasn't a great song but it shows that although I believed in God He was silent for me at that time. Faith can be a bumpy road but hang on in there because God loves you!

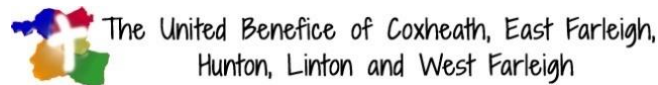
If you would like some encouragement with a moment of peace then the composer Kim André Arnesen has written a beautiful song using the concentration camp words. Head over to YouTube and search for 'Even when He is silent.' There are several versions – a particularly good one is by Sofia Vokalensemble. Here's the link <https://youtu.be/3vp1WJN5WSg> - enjoy the music .... and enjoy the certainty that God is there for us all, even when we can't hear Him!

Blessings to you all, Sue (Pastoral Assistant)

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Kath Cooper is pleased to join Roger Bettle as Churchwarden at St Nicholas and looks forward to working with Roger and the PCC in serving the church in this role.

Please pray for the churchwardens of all five churches of the Benefice (Sandra Baker at Coxheath, Val Grainger at West Farleigh, George Moore at East Farleigh and Roger and Kath at Linton) as we start to plan for the Interregnum in September when Peter retires.



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Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh  
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