



St Nicholas Church Linton August 2021

Benefice Services in August

Online services at 10.30am every Sunday

On Computer, Tablet or Smartphone:

<http://bit.ly/UnitedBenefice>

Or by phone Dial 0203 051 2874

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Sunday 8th August Trinity 10

8am Holy Communion at Linton

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

Sunday 15th August Trinity 11

9.30am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

9.30am Family service at Hunton

Sunday 22nd August Trinity 12

8am Holy Communion at East Farleigh

9.30am Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at Linton

Sunday 29th August Trinity 13

10.30am Benefice Service at Hunton

Following the benefice service at Hunton, we will share in coffee and cake and be able to say our "formal" farewell to Peter and Alison.

In addition, Peter and Alison will be pleased to host some Rectory Garden Farewells. On offer will be one afternoon session with tea and cake at 3pm on Saturday 4th September, and a couple of evening sessions with cheese and wine at 6.30pm on Friday 3rd September and Saturday 11th September. Please let them know as soon as possible if and when you would like to come in order to manage numbers to a reasonable level or schedule more events! Please call the Rectory (01622 747570) or email peter@callways.co.uk

Our service pattern will continue as is through August and a new pattern for the interregnum will come into being in September. At this point worship will return to Holy Trinity, Coxheath at 11am, and this service will be available on Zoom for all to join.

Every Thursday

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

<http://bit.ly/ThursdayCommunion>

Coronavirus update

Following the government announcements about coronavirus restrictions being lifted, and guidance from the Church of England, our proposals for moving forward across the benefice (with the proviso that the situation continues to improve) are:

- We continue to sign in and use hand gel at our services.
- We strongly recommend the wearing of face masks, especially when moving around or huddling together.
- We recommend social distancing wherever possible
- Singing is now permitted.
- After service refreshments are also permitted.
- Administration of Holy Communion will be as follows: Individuals are invited to come forward, distanced as far as possible, and stand to receive. The priest will intinct (dip) the wafer into the wine before offering to each communicant

Pastoral Letter from the Rector

The first recorded ascent of Ben Nevis was made 250 years ago, on 7th August 1771, by Scottish botanist and artist James Robertson. At 1345 metres (4411 ft), it is the highest mountain in the British Isles. Some 100,000 people now make the climb each year. Robertson wrote: "A third part of the hill from the summit towards the top is entirely naked, resembling a heap of stones thrown together confusedly. The summit far overtops the surrounding hills."

Hill climbing was not popular in those days, but the poet John Keats made the ascent in 1818. Scots were not convinced for many years that Ben Nevis was

higher than Ben Macdui, in the Cairngorms, but it is in fact more than a hundred feet higher.

The meaning of the mountain's name is uncertain. Ben simply means mountain, and "Nevis" is unclear. Some associate it with the Gaelic word for "vicious", but it seems at least equally likely that "Nevis" simply relates to snow or clouds.

It is in fact the remains of an ancient volcano that collapsed in on itself. Its summit plateau stretches for over 100 acres and contains the remains of an observatory, which was opened in 1883 and led indirectly to the invention of the cloud chamber.

I did the climb myself back when I was young and fit. Eight hours up and six hours down. I remember distinctly the way that each time we reached a brow, I thought "yes – at last – the peak", but of course, there was always more to go. The Christian life is like that – just when we think we've got it all together, along comes another hillock to climb. God uses those times to refine us as pure gold, to support us in our climb, to show us his ways and to help us to grow as disciples of Jesus. Many blessings,
Peter Callway, Rector

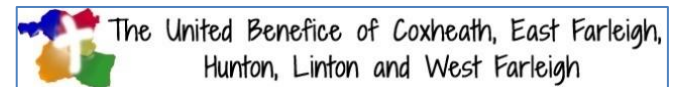
August at Rochester Cathedral

'Faith, Hope and Love' The Cathedral's 1400 years of rich history with a series of events and exhibits.

Guided Tours are taking place on most days. Discover more about the Cathedral's history.

Family Activities include Brass Rubbing, Monastery Tours, Flags of Friendship and Collage.

For more information <https://www.rochestercathedral.org>



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