

## Next Week's Services

Thursday 24 March Maundy Thursday

Linch 7.30 pm Eucharist and Watch

Readings Exodus 12: 1 – 14;  
1 Cor.11: 23 – 26;  
John 13: 1 – 17, 31b – 35

### Good Friday 25 March BENEFACTIVE SERVICE

Milland 2 pm Last Hour of the Cross Devotional  
Service

### SUNDAY 27 March Easter Day

Linch 6.30 am Welcoming the Light  
9.30 am Easter Day Eucharist  
Readings Isa. 65: 17 – end; Acts 10: 34 – 43;  
John 20: 1 - 18  
Sidesmen Joe & Mary Gallagher  
Milland 11.00am Easter Day Eucharist  
Lessons Isa 65:17 – end; Acts 10: 34 – 43;  
John 20: 1 - 18  
Sidesman Michael Cartwright  
Readers Brian Porter and Michael  
Cartwright



## The United Benefice of Linch and Milland & Rake

### SUNDAY 20 March Palm Sunday

Linch 9.30 am Palm Sunday Eucharist  
Readings Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a; Phil.2: 5 – 11;  
Luke 22: 14 – 23 end  
Sidesmen William Alcock & Lorraine  
Grocott  
Milland 11.00am Holy Communion  
Lessons Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a; Phil.2: 5 – 11;  
Luke 22: 14 – 23 end  
Sidesman Michael Cartwright  
Readers Julian Wells and Mora Wells

### COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and  
humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

### TODAY'S READINGS

#### Isaiah 50:4-9a

50:4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen  
as those who are taught.

50:5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not  
rebellious, I did not turn backward.

50:6 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my  
cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my  
face from insult and spitting.

50:7 The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been  
disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I  
know that I shall not be put to shame;

50:8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with  
me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let  
them confront me.

50:9a It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare  
me guilty?

#### Philippians 2:5-11

2:5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
2:6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard  
equality with God as something to be exploited,

2:7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being  
born in human likeness. And being found in human form,  
2:8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point  
of death-- even death on a cross.

2:9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him  
the name that is above every name,

2:10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

2:11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is  
Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Thought For The Week

"There can be no happiness if the things we believe in are different from the things we do." (*Freya Stark-Explorer*)

## Intercessions

**World Church:-** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem All glory, laud and honour, To Thee, Redeemer, King, To Whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.  
Jerusalem - (Jerusalem & Middle East)

**Diocese:-** Pray for Bishop's Council setting policy & strategy for the Diocese

**Deanery:** Clergy Widows in the Diocese

**Benefice:** Milland Little Fishes Toddler Group

## Prayers for those in Long Term Care:

Jill Maslen-Jones

## Prayers for the Sick:

Steve Collins, Dave Dyke, Greg Carter, Martin Beale, and Hilary Buell.

## In Memoriam

Frank Crocker

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

## Notices

### Benefice Notices

A reminder that GOOD FRIDAY will be a BENEFICE devotional service of the last hour of the cross starting at 2pm, at Milland. Thank you to those who have helped put the service together and both choirs and Leslie for all the practice. Please try and find time to join us on this most holy and poignant day. Rev Trish

Every year we revise the Church Electoral Roll, if you are already on the Roll there is no need to do anything. For those who would like to join there are forms at the back of both churches.

**Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers:** If you are not already collecting these for a school or club please accept them for Rake and Hollycombe Primary Schools. At Linch, Mary Turton will be happy to take them for Hollycombe and at Milland Sheila Pim will collect them for Rake. An easy way for us to support both schools in the Benefice. Many thanks

### Linch Notices

**Linch APCM** will be held in church at 4pm on Sunday 10th April. All those writing reports please send them to Rev Trish.

**The Easter collection moneys at Linch** will be allocated to the Fabric Fund.

**Following the 'Welcoming the Light' service** on Easter Sunday, a light breakfast is to be served in the

Bettesworth Room.

**Thank you** to all who helped clean Linch church. I popped in later that day and it looked and smelt wonderful. Rev Trish.

### Milland Notices

**APCM:** Milland will hold Evensong at 5pm Sunday 17th April, followed by the APCM in church at 6pm on Sunday 17th April. All those who are writing reports please send them to Bob Ireland.

**BEWARE:** You will see that the Memorial garden has a "keep out" notice and tape around it this week. This is because a piece of coping stone was found embedded in it on Wednesday. It had fallen off the east side of the south chancel roof and there is another piece loose. The church architect is aware of the situation and will be recommending remedial work, but please be aware that the area may be closed off for a while

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COME AND JOIN US AT ST LUKES CHURCH LINCH FOR TEA AND A TALK ON WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL at 3pm Sandra Simmonds will talk to us about her  LIFE IN IRAN BEHIND THE VEIL  whilst you relax with a pot of tea and selection of cakes!  All for £6.00  There will be a 'sign in' sheet at the back of both Churches during March</b></p>
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