

Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers. Sheila Pim and Mary Turton need to hand our vouchers over by the 8th July so there is still plenty of time to continue collecting the vouchers for Rake and Hollycombe Schools.

Confirmation: The Deanery will be holding Confirmations on Wednesday 8th June, 7.30 at St Mary's Easebourne. Bishop Martin will be presiding. If there is anyone who would like to be confirmed, adults or children aged 11 up, please talk to Rev Trish. The candidates with Rev Trish will meet together for three or four weeks running up to the confirmation, for preparation.

To celebrate the 90th birthday of H M The Queen, we will be holding a **Hymns & Pimm's** afternoon on Saturday 11th June on the Rectory lawn. Come and join us to raise a glass to Her Majesty and to sing some of our favourite hymns and, if you wish, bring a rug and a picnic! There will be no charge, donations only, and, if you are able to donate a bottle of Pimm's, so much the better.

Advance Notice: A repeat of our very successful BBQ at St Luke's Church Linch on September 4. Make sure you keep the date free!!! **More details to follow**

Linch Notices

Linch churchyard "tidy-up": There was a fantastic turnout for the churchyard tidy-up yesterday and we achieved a great deal. Many thanks to all those who came and worked so very hard, it is much appreciated and the churchyard looks so much better for it."

Milland Notices

The Memorial Garden: The protective platform has now been erected and so access is once again permitted, provided reasonable care is taken. Many thanks for your patience and forbearance over recent weeks.

Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 5 June Second Sunday after Trinity

No Service at Linch

Milland	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist
	Lessons	1 Kings 17; 8 – end; Galatians 1: 11 – end; Luke 7: 11 - 17
	Sidesman	Bob Ireland
	Readers	Bob Ireland and Maureen Keel



The United Benefice of Linch and Milland & Rake

SUNDAY 29 May First Sunday after Trinity

Linch 10.30 am BENEFICE SERVICE:

Holy Communion

Readings 1 Kings 18: 20 – 39;

Galatians 1:1 – 12; Luke 7: 1 - 10

Sidesmen Julian and Rosemary Cartwright

No Service at Milland

Linch 12.30pm Baptism of Aurelia Carter

COLLECT FOR TODAY

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kings 18:20-21, (22-29), 30-39

18:20 So Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel.

18:21 Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, "How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." The people did not answer him a word.

18:22 Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets number four hundred fifty.

18:23 Let two bulls be given to us; let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it; I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it.

18:24 Then you call on the name of your god and I will call on the name of the LORD; the god who answers by fire is indeed God." All the people answered, "Well spoken!"

18:25 Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many; then call on the name of your god, but put no fire to it."

18:26 So they took the bull that was given them, prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, crying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and no answer. They limped about the altar that they had made.

18:27 At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud! Surely he is a god; either he is meditating, or he has wandered away, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened."

18:28 Then they cried aloud and, as was their custom, they cut themselves with swords and lances until the blood gushed out over them.

18:29 As midday passed, they raved on until the time of the

Galatians 1:1-12

1:1 Paul an apostle--sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead--

1:2 and all the members of God's family who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:

1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

1:4 who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

1:5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

1:6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel--

1:7 not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed!

1:9 As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed!

1:10 Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

1:11 For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin;

1:12 for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Luke 7:1-10

7:1 After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum.

7:2 A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death.

7:3 When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave.

7:4 When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him,

7:5 for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us."

7:6 And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof;

7:7 therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed.

7:8 For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it."

7:9 When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith."

7:10 When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

Thought For The Week

"You can dance anywhere, even if only in your heart." (*Anon.*)

Intercessions

World Church: Pray for the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome

Diocese: Human Resources

Deanery: Rogate, Terwick, Chithurst and Trotton

Benefice: Milland Rural Fair Committee

Prayers for those in Long Term Care:

Jill Maslen-Jones and Martin Beale

Prayers for the Sick:

Steve Collins, David Godfrey and Dave Dyke, .

Prayers for the Departed: Alan Flint

The funeral of Alan Flint is to be held at Milland Church on June 3rd and 11am.

In Memoriam

Tracyann Nightingale, Minnie West, Stanley Simmons

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices

Benefice Notices

Website: www.stlukesbenefice.co.uk

Our Benefice website goes live on Weds 1st June. We will be adding things to it over the next few weeks. Please let Trish and the Churchwardens know if you have any suggestions (constructive comments only please). Tell us what you would like to see on it.

Archdeacon's Visitation : Many thanks from your Churchwardens to all those who were kind enough to join and support us when we were formally installed at the Archdeacon's Visitation at Easebourne on Tuesday.

Rural Fair: Joint Benefice Cake Stall

Forms are now at the back of both churches for those kind people able to support the cake stall either by making or baking produce or manning the stall on the day. **Any home-made cakes, biscuits, fruit pies, tarts, jams, marmalades and preserves** will be gratefully received by the stall organisers, preferably on **that Sunday morning, before 10.30 am at Milland Memorial Hall.** Cakes or biscuits should be clearly marked if they contain nuts. ***Sadly we are unable to accept cream cakes as we do not have the cold facilities in which to keep them at the correct temperature.***

The success of previous years has been partly due to those kind cooks who have made two cakes or more, which has enabled us to run the stall all day.

We are also hoping to sell good condition cookery books on the stall. Any donated books would be very welcome. Please address any immediate queries to **Mu Bullingham or Mary Turton.** Thank you very much.

Extraordinary Joint PCC Meeting: Monday 6 June. 7.30pm Bettesworth Room

Wednesday Eucharist: This takes place on Wednesdays at **8.45am** in the **Bettesworth Room**