

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.

### Linch Notices

**Linch churchyard "tidy-up"**: on Saturday 28th May from 9.30 a.m. onwards. We should be grateful for as much help as possible so please come armed with your shears, rakes, secateurs, etc., not forgetting your gardening gloves and enthusiasm.

### Milland Notices

**The Memorial Garden**: Discussions are continuing on the work to be carried out on the damaged stonework on the roof. However, we are very conscious of the need for access for maintenance work to be done now that summer is approaching, also for people to be able to tend their memorials, so we are looking at ways of achieving this. Although a piece of coping stone was recently found embedded in the Memorial Garden, which had fallen off the east side of the south chancel roof, there is another piece loose. However it is now possible that we may be able to put up a lean-to cover, which will allow access to the garden in the meantime.

**Milland PCC**: The next meeting of the PCC is on Monday, 16th May at 8pm in the Church

### Next Week's Services

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>22 May</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>
<b>Linch</b>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	Readings	Proverbs 8:1 – 4, 22 – 31; Romans 5:1 – 5; John 16:12 - 15
	Sidesmen	Lesley Aylwin and Margaret Young
<b>Milland</b>	11.00am	Matins
	Lessons	Proverbs 8: 1- 4, 22 – 31; John 16: 12 – 15
	Sidesman	Julia Hughes
	Readers	Julian Wells and Maureen Keel



## The United Benefice of Linch and Milland & Rake

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>15 May</b>	<b>Pentecost – Whit Sunday</b>
<b>Linch</b>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	Readings	Acts 2: 1 – 21; Romans 8: 14 – 17; John 14: 8 – 17, 25 – 27
	Sidesmen	William Alcock & Lorraine Grocott
<b>Linch</b>	<b>12.30 pm</b>	<b>Baptism for Isla Tagg</b>
<b>Milland</b>	11.00am	Holy Communion
	Lessons	Acts 2:1 – 21; Romans 8:14 – 17; John 14:8 – 17, 25 – 27
	Sidesman	Bob Ireland
	Readers	Leslie Lloyd and Peter Anson

### COLLECT FOR TODAY

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all  
things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever

### TODAY'S READINGS

#### Acts 2:1-21

- 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.  
2:2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.  
2:3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.  
2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.  
2:5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.  
2:6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.  
2:7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"  
2:8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?  
2:9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,  
2:11 Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."  
2:12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"  
2:13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."  
2:14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.  
2:15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.  
2:16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

2:17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

2:18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

2:19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

2:20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

2:21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

### **Romans 8:14-17**

8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

8:15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, "Abba! Father!"

8:16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

8:17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### **John 14:8-17, (25-27)**

14:8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

14:11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

14:12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

14:13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14:14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

14:17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

14:25 "I have said these things to you while I am still with you.

14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

### **Thought For The Week**

### **Intercessions**

**World Church:** PRAY for The Anglican Church of Melanesia

**Diocese:** Pray for Spiritual Directors in the Diocese

**Deanery:** Lynchmere & Camelsdale

**Benefice:** Fabric Committees of both churches

### **Prayers for those in Long Term Care:**

Jill Maslen-Jones and Martin Beale

### **Prayers for the Sick:**

Steve Collins, David Godfrey and Dave Dyke, .

### **In Memoriam**

William Pope, Walter Booker, Grant Ladd, June Booker, Johnnie Frost

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Notices**

### **Benefice Notices**

**Messy Church:** this will be next Friday 20th May at 3.30 in Milland Church

**Archdeacon's Visitation** for the admission of Churchwardens to office for the following year is at St Mary's, Easebourne on 24th May at 7.30 when Michael, Lynne, David and Carol will be attending and would love to see some friendly faces there.

**St Mary's Hospital, Chichester,** Almshouses has asked me whether there is anyone within the parish who would be interested in applying for residency at the almshouse. They are for elderly persons in financial need. If you know of anyone who might benefit from this talk to Rev Trish.

### **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.

**The Rural Fair and the Parish Magazine.** We will be giving away some magazines at the Rural Fair. The Fair is a superb opportunity for us to promote our churches we want the magazine to be extra special. So please submit an article or paragraph to Alison. It can be about any topic you like Christian or "What I did on Holiday"  
**The magazine deadline is May 20th.**

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

**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