

## A Message from Reverend Trish for those who were not able to be in Church last week:

The Rural Dean and Archdeacon in the re-organising of the Deanery have asked me to work full time and take on the parish of Stedham with Iping. It will mean that, hopefully, in September I will be first made Priest in Charge of those Parishes, still being Rector here, and then we will work toward becoming a united benefice.

There are lots of positives for this change as it provides all the parishes involved with a full time Rector. **Firstly** I shall be able to devote more time to the work of outreach and work in the community, **secondly** whenever I move on, which won't be for a long while as there will be lots to keep me busy, but when that time comes you will be in a very good position to fill the vacancy with someone who is not looking to retire, which quite often half time posts attract. **Thirdly** it brings us full circle as historically we were joined with Stedham with Iping.

For our benefice and Stedham with Iping, it will mean looking at our service patterns which I know will be of great concern to many, but with Jan Sayer from Stedham with Iping who is a reader I think we can manage with very little disruption. Jan as a lay Reader can take Matins and Evensong. And I'm happy to have someone to share the ministry with. Rural churches have to start thinking of being one church in a place with for us 4 buildings, we must remember that we still have less people in our communities than a town or city parish would have.

We are here to build Christ's Church in this place, to work together for the common good, and in that we have to think of ourselves as one church.

We already have connections, Leslie plays the organ at Stedham, the choir at Stedham help us out at times when we need more voices especially at weddings.

It is an exciting time, and I think we have secured our future, it will take team work and a bit of give and take, but a real chance to be the church that Jesus envisioned.

## Next Week's Services

**SUNDAY 26 June Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

**Linch 9.30 am Holy Communion**

Readings 2 Kings 2: 1 – 2, 6 – 14;  
Gal. 5: 1, 13 – 25; Luke 9: 51 - end  
Sidesmen Mu Bullingham & David Alderman

**Milland 11.00am Matins**

Lessons 2 Kings 2: 1 – 2, 6 – 14;  
Gal. 5: 1, 13 – 25; Luke 9: 51 - end  
Sidesman Harry Scott  
Readers Jean Mallows and Harry Scott



## The United Benefice of Linch and Milland & Rake

Website: [www.stlukesbenefice.co.uk](http://www.stlukesbenefice.co.uk)

**SUNDAY 19 June Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**Linch 9.30 am Service of the Word**

Readings 1 Kings 19:1 – 15a;  
Gal. 3: 23 – end; Luke 8: 26 - 39  
Sidesmen Olive Fleming and Gina Dyke

**Milland 11.00am Holy Communion**

Lessons 1 Kings 19:1 – 15a;  
Gal. 3:23 – end; Luke 8: 26 - 39  
Sidesman Michael Cartwright  
Readers Julia Hughes & Michael Cartwright

## COLLECT FOR TODAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
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 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a**

19:1 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

19:2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow."

19:3 Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

19:4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."

19:5 Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."

19:6 He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.

19:7 The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."

19:8 He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

19:9 At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

19:10 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your

prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

19:11 He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; 19:12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 19:13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

19:14 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

19:15a Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

### **Galatians 3:23-29**

3:23 Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

3:24 Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.

3:25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian,

3:26 for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

3:27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

3:28 There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

3:29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

### **Luke 8:26-39**

8:26 Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.

8:27 As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.

8:28 When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"--

8:29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)

8:30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him.

8:31 They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

8:32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.

8:33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

8:34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.

8:35 Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus,

clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

8:36 Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.

8:37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.

8:38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying,

8:39 "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

### **Thought For The Week**

"Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts." (*Rachel Carson -environmentalist*)

### **Intercessions**

**World Church:** PRAY for The Church of North India (United)

**Diocese:** Pray for the Mission and Pastoral Committees

**Deanery:** Clergy Widows in the Diocese

**Benefice:** Rake School

**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:** Charlie Cantan

### **In Memoriam**

W. Toby Caulfeild, David Bridger, Frederick Gibbs, Chris Symonds, William King, Peggy West, Kathleen Pownall

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Notices**

#### **Benefice Notices**

**Joint Benefice cake stall at the Rural Fair:** Many thanks to all the wonderful people who kindly made cakes, biscuits, marmalades, jams, pastries and breads for the Joint Benefice Cake Stall at the Rural Fair on 5 June 2016. The net total raised on the stall was £565 including donations. This will be divided equally between St Luke's Linch and St Luke's Milland. A splendid band of helpers, from both churches, enabled the smooth running of the stall from start to finish. Again our sincere thanks to you all for your very kind support.

*Maureen Keel, Mu Bullingham and Mary Turton'*

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 8:00 PM: Venue - St Luke's Linch.** The British legion has organised a candlelight vigil in commemoration of the Battle of The Somme. This will last about an hour & will include readings, poems, reflection & acknowledgement of the particular impact on this area. *Please support this service if you possibly can.*

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

**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**

#### **Milland Notices**

We now have a protective platform over the memorial garden, but please continue to take care when visiting.