



Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 3 July 6th Sunday after Trinity

No Service at Linch

Milland 10.30am	Benefice Eucharist
Lessons	2 Kings 5: 1 – 14; Galatians 6: 1 – 16; Luke 10: 1 – 11, 16 - 20
Sidesman	Bob Ireland
Readers	Bob Ireland & Elizabeth Cartwright

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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;
Sidesman	Harry Scott
Readers	Jean Mallows and Harry Scott

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is
governed and sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of
your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

TODAY'S READINGS

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

2:1 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

2:2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

2:6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

2:7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

2:8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

2:9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."

2:10 He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

2:11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

2:12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

2:13 He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from

him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.
2:14 He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
5:13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.
5:14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
5:15 If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.
5:16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.
5:17 For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.
5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.
5:19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness,
5:20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions,
5:21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
5:22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,
5:23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.
5:24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Luke 9:51-62

9:51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.
9:52 And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him;
9:53 but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.
9:54 When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"
9:55 But he turned and rebuked them.
9:56 Then they went on to another village.
9:57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."
9:58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."
9:59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."
9:60 But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own

dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

9:61 Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home."

9:62 Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Thought For The Week

"When dealing with yourself, always use your head. When dealing with others, always use your heart." (*Anon.*)

Intercessions

World Church: PRAY for The Church of Pakistan

Diocese: Pray for the Education Department

Deanery: Parish Workers

Benefice: Flower arrangers at St Luke's Milland

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

Stanley Lamb, Ronald Hillier, John Bunford,

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices

Benefice Notices

Thursday 30th 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.*

Tuxlith Arts and Crafts Exhibition: Once again, Jean Mallows, with the valuable help of Christine Greaves, held a very successful Tuxlith Art Show with exhibits of a very high standard. There was also a produce stall held in the church which proved to be a great success, organised by Linch Church. Thanks to all who kindly contributed. This raised over £140 in donations. Rake School decorated a window in the church to give a stained glass window effect, really beautiful. And the Milland flower arrangers organised by Sheila Pimm produced a beautiful display in the church. Thanks to Sheila and her team and the Rake School children and teachers. Finally, well done to Janet Werner and Leslie Lloyd who worked so hard to advertise the exhibition, making and putting up posters in all the usual places and other outlying "foreign" areas.

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.

BENEFICE SERVICES: Next week at Milland 10.30am and on July 10 at Linch 10.30am. There will be no other Services on these days.