

Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 4 September 15th Sunday after Trinity

Linch	11.00 am	Benefice Service; Family Communion
Readings		Jeremiah 18: 1 – 11; Philemon 1 – 21; Luke 14: 25 - 33
Sidesmen		Madeleine Oram and Greg Carter <i>Followed by the annual BBQ</i>

No Service at Milland, Stedham or Iping



The United Benefice of Linch and Milland & Rake

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SUNDAY 28 August 14th Sunday after Trinity

Linch	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Readings		Jeremiah 2: 4 – 13; Hebrews 13:1 – 8 & 15 – 16; Luke 14: 1, 7 - 14
Sidesmen		Mu Bullingham & David Alderman
Milland	6 pm	Evensong
Lessons		Jeremiah 2: 4 – 13; Hebrews 13:1 – 8 & 15 – 16;
Sidesman		Bob Ireland
Readers		Peter Anson and Brian Porter

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God,
whose only Son hath opened for us
a new and living way into thy presence:
grant that, with pure hearts and constant wills,
we may worship thee in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 2:4-13

2:4 Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

2:5 Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

2:6 They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

2:7 I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

2:8 The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

2:9 Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children.

2:10 Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

2:11 Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

2:12 Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD,

2:13 for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

13:1 Let mutual love continue.

13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

13:3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

13:4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.

13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

13:6 So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

13:7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

13:15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

14:1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

14:7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

14:8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;

14:9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

14:10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

14:11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

14:12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

14:13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

14:14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Thought For The Week

"Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking." (*Marcus Aurelius Emperor of Rome. 2nd cent.*)

Intercessions

World Church: PRAY for Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan & Sudan

Diocese: Pray for the Archdeaconry wardens and Archdeaconry secretaries

Deanery: Rogate, Terwick, Trotton and Chithurst

Benefice: Tennis Clubs at Milland and Rake.

Prayers for those in Long Term Care:

Jill Maslen-Jones and Martin Beale

Prayers for the Sick:

David Godfrey and Dave Dyke.

In Memoriam

Jim Jenner, David Findlay, Christopher Norris, Sylvia Sims

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord God, who art the source of all truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and in the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices

Benefice Notices

Benefice Service NEXT SUNDAY: This service will now take place at **11am at Linch**. Please note the change of time. This service will be followed by the BBQ

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

TRIP TO ST.PAUL'S CATHEDRAL LONDON.

Bill Johnston is arranging a trip by bus to St. Paul's Cathedral on **Wednesday 28th September**.

The cost of transport is in the region of £20 plus entry fees. We hope to **leave around 9-30 or 10-00** from Midhurst and **return from London around 3-30pm**.

Of course you may want to do something else while in London and you are free to do so.

If you would like to join us or want more details please contact Bill on 01428 741131

Milland Notices

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

Linch Notices

Iping Marsh Churchyard tidy up: this will take place on Saturday October 1. Please make a note in your diary if you are able to come and help.

St Luke's Linch Annual Barbeque

Sunday Sept 4th – 12.30pm

£12.50 per head – Children Free

Sign up Sheets are available in each Church

We look forward to welcoming everyone and particularly those from Stedham with Iping