

Marriage: We pray that God will bless the lives of Katie Grayson and Alex Steel who were married here yesterday.

Standing Committee meeting at the Rectory on 7th September at 6.00 p.m

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.

Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 11 September 16th Sunday after Trinity

Stedham 9.30am Parish Eucharist *followed by refreshments*
Officiant: Canon Nigel Nicholson

Linch 9.30 am Holy Communion
Readings Jeremiah 4:11 – 12, 22 – 28;
1 Timothy 1: 12 – 17;
Luke 15: 1 - 10
Sidesmen James Caulfeild and Mary Turton

Milland 11.00am Matins
Lessons Jeremiah 4:11 – 12, 22 – 28;
Luke 15: 1 - 10
Sidesman Julia Hughes
Readers Julian Wells and Flick Langley

No Service at Iping



The United Benefice of Linch and Milland & Rake

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Welcome to our friends attending from Stedham and Iping.

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
Followed by the annual BBQ

No Service at Milland, Stedham or Iping

COLLECT FOR TODAY

God, who of thy generous mercy didst send the Holy Spirit upon thy Church in the burning fire of thy love: grant that thy people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, ever abiding in thee, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 18:1-11

18:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:
18:2 "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words."
18:3 So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel.
18:4 The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.
18:5 Then the word of the LORD came to me:
18:6 Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.
18:7 At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it,
18:8 but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.
18:9 And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it,
18:10 but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.
18:11 Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Philemon 1:1-21

1:1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker,
1:2 to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:
1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the

Lord Jesus Christ.

1:4 When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God

1:5 because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus.

1:6 I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.

1:7 I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

1:8 For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty,

1:9 yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love--and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.

1:10 I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

1:11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me.

1:12 I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.

1:13 I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel;

1:14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

1:15 Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever,

1:16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother--especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

1:17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

1:18 If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.

1:19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.

1:20 Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.

1:21 Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14:25-33

14:25 Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them,

14:26 "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

14:27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

14:28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

14:29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him,

14:30 saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

14:31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?

14:32 If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

14:33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Thought For The Week

"Besides the noble art of getting things done, there is the noble art of leaving things undone." (Lin Yutang)

Intercessions

World Church: PRAY for The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Diocese: Pray for the Diocesan World Mission Officer

Deanery: Stedham with Iping

Benefice: Our Treasurer and all involved with planned giving

Prayers for those in Long Term Care:

Jill Maslen-Jones and Martin Beale

Prayers for the Sick:

David Godfrey and Dave Dyke.

In Memoriam

Carrie Tidy, Donald Carpmael

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because our human frailty without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices

Benefice Notices

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

In the autumn it is planned to remove the row of leylandii trees between Tuxlith Green and the new graveyard, by work kindly donated by Baldwin's Nursery. These are currently encroaching onto the graves and it is also thought that the roots are in danger of undermining them. The plan is to replace them with beech hedging which will be maintained to a manageable height.

It is estimated that the total cost of the hedging plants will be approx £300. To help with this proposal for our beautiful churchyard we are asking for contributions towards the expenditure. A sheet will be available at the back of the church should you wish to contribute for part or all of the hedge. Thank you. *From your Churchwarden, Lynne*

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

Linch Notices

PARKING AT LINCH: *Could **EVERYONE** make sure that they **DO NOT** park in a place on the road that could endanger others. **There will be bollards keeping people from parking near the bend.** The field will be open for additional parking.*