

Intercessions:

World Church: Kitale - (Kenya)

Prayers for those in Long Term Care:

Jill Maslen-Jones, Martin Beale and Pam Way

Prayers for the Sick:

David Godfrey and Dave Dyke.

In Memoriam

Stanley Thorne, Kathleen Gates, George Hendon, Phyllis Fleming

Notices

Benefice Notices

THANK YOU to everyone who has helped in any way throughout the year.

Lent Course: Rev Trish is thinking about the Lent Course in early 2017. Please let her know if you would like the course to take place during the daytime or the evening

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

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.*

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

SUNDAY 1 CHRISTMAS 2

Iping	9.30am	Said Communion <i>Readings Numbers 6:22-end; Luke 2:15-21</i>
Linch	9.30am	Matins <i>Readings Numbers 6:22-end; Gal. 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21</i>
Milland	11am	Sidesmen Madeleine Oram and Greg Carter Choral Eucharist <i>Readings Numbers 6:22-end; Gal. 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21</i>
		Readers Janet Farnes and Julia Hughes
		Sidesman Julia Hughes
Stedham	No service	

Linch with Iping Marsh

Milland & Rake

Stedham with Iping

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A very warm welcome to everyone this Christmas - our normal congregations and all visitors.

This week's Services:

Friday	23 December	
Iping	6.00 pm	Carol Service (and Wassail!)
Saturday	24 December	Christmas Eve
Linch	3.00 pm	Crib Service
Stedham	4.00 pm	Christingle
	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion
Linch	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion
Milland	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion
SUNDAY	25th December	Christmas Day
Linch	9.30 am	Family Communion
Iping	10am	Holy Communion
Milland	11.00am	Holy Communion

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Isaiah 52:7-10

52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

52:8 Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

52:9 Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

52:10 The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)

1:1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

1:2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

1:3 He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

1:4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

1:5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

1:6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

1:7 Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire."

1:8 But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom."

1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

1:10 And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands;

1:11 they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing;

1:12 like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

John 1:1-14

1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1:2 He was in the beginning with God.

1:3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

1:4 In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

1:5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

1:7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

1:8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

1:9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

1:10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

1:11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

1:12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,

1:13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

1:14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth

Post Communion Prayer for Christmas Eve

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 9:2-7

9:2 *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.*

9:3 *You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.*

9:4 *For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.*

9:5 *For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.*

9:6 *For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

9:7 *His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

Titus 2:11-14

2:11 *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,*

2:12 *training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly,*

2:13 *while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

2:14 *He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.*

Luke 2:1-14

2:1 *In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.*

2:2 *This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.*

2:3 *All went to their own towns to be registered.*

2:4 *Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.*

2:5 *He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.*

2:6 *While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.*

2:7 *And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

2:8 *In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.*

2:9 *Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.*

2:10 *But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see --I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:*

2:11 *to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.*

2:12 *This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."*

2:13 *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,*

2:14 *"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"*

Post Communion Prayer for Christmas Day

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord

Thought for the Week

Celebrate Christmas, " in commemoration of the law of love and kindness, mercy and compassion. This is in remembrance of Me. (*A Christmas Carol -Charles Dickens*)