

## Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 29 EPIPHANY 4 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

**Iping 10.30am BENEFICE SERVICE**  
*Readings Malachi 3:1-5; Heb 2:14-end;  
Luke 2:22-40*

No Services at Stedham, Linch or Milland

Linch with Iping Marsh

Milland & Rake

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SUNDAY 22 EPIPHANY 3

**Stedham 9.30am Holy Communion**

**Linch 9.30am Family Communion**

**Milland 11am Matins**

**No Service at Iping**

## COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God,

whose Son revealed in signs and miracles

the wonder of your saving presence:

renew your people with your heavenly grace,

and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;

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

### Isaiah 9:1-4

9:1 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

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.

### 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

1:10 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

1:11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

1:12 What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

1:13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

1:14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 1:15 so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

1:16 (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

1:17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

1:18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**Matthew 4:12-23**

4:12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

4:13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

4:14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

4:15 "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles

4:16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

4:17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

4:18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen.

4:19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

4:20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

4:21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

4:22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever

**Thought for the Week**

"People are mostly right in what they affirm and wrong in what they deny." (*Samuel Taylor Coleridge.*)

**Intercessions:**

**World Church:** Lake Rukwa - (Tanzania)

**Diocese:** Pray for the Diocesan Board of Education

**Benefice:** Nursery Schools within the Benefice

**Prayers for those in Long Term Care:**

Jill Maslen-Jones, Martin Beale and Pam Way

**Prayers for the Sick:**

Dave Dyke and Diane McCarthy

**Prayers for the Departed:**

John Dunham, Colonel Hugh Mackay, O.B.E. and Tracy Goodridge-Beadon

**Funeral Service** for John Dunham:

*St Luke's Milland on Monday 23rd January at 1.30pm.*

**Funeral Service** for Tracey Goodridge-Beadon:

*St Mary's Iping on Friday 27th January at 2pm.*

**Funeral Service** for Colonel Hugh Mackay, O.B.E.

*Friday, 27th January, 1pm Telford Crematorium,*

*Shropshire TF2 9NJ*

*and afterwards at The Down Inn, Ludlow Road,*

*Bridgnorth WV16 6UA*

**Memorial Service and Burial of Ashes:**

*Friday, 17th March, 12pm St Mary's Church, Iping,*

*Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 0PF*

*and afterwards at Stedham Village Hall, The St, Stedham,*

*Midhurst GU29 0NQ*

Family request no flowers but any donations in lieu to

Save the Children Fund or The Gurkha Welfare Trust.

**In Memoriam:**

Walter Wright, Raymond Lane

**Notices****Benefice Notices**

**Lent Course:** The Lent Course will begin on Monday March 6. The Course will take place every Monday evening during Lent in the Bettesworth Room at 7pm

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** Friday March 3 at 11am. More details will follow in due course.

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

**Stedham with Iping Notices:**

For the funeral arrangements of Tracey Goodridge-Beadon and Colonel Hugh Mackay, O.B.E. please see under *Prayers for the Departed* above.

**Milland Notices:**

This year the **APCM** will take place after Evensong on Sunday 9th April, Palm Sunday. Please note that there will be no morning service at Milland on that day.

**Next PCC meeting:** March 29 at 8pm in the Church.

**Linch Notices:**

**Next PCC meeting:** Jan 25 at 7.30pm in the Bettesworth Room.