

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.

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THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY

EPIPHANY 4 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

Iping 10.30am BENEFICE SERVICE

No Services at Stedham, Linch or Milland

Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 5TH FEB 4TH BEFORE LENT

Iping 9.30am Said Communion

Readings *Isaiah 58:1-120;*
Matthew 5:13-20

Linch 9.30am Matins

Readings *Isaiah 58:1-12;*
1 Cor. 2:1-end;
Matthew 5:13-20

Sidesmen Lorraine Grocott & Joe/Mary
Gallagher

Milland 11am Choral Eucharist

Lessons *Isaiah 58:1-12;*
1 Cor. 2:1-end;
Matthew 5:13-20

Sidesman Julia Hughes

Readers Jean Mallows and Julian Wells

No Service at Stedham

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

READINGS

Micah 6:1-8

6:1 Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before
the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

6:2 Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and
you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a
controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

6:3 "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I
wearyed you? Answer me!

6:4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and
redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before
you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

6:5 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab
devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what
happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the
saving acts of the LORD."

6:6 "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow
myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with
burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

6:7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with
ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for
my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my
soul?"

6:8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does
the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love
kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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.

1:19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

1:20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?
Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish
the wisdom of the world?

1:21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not
know God through wisdom, God decided, through the
foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who
believe. 1:22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire
wisdom,

1:23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to
Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

1:24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1:25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

1:26 Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

1:27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

1:28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,

1:29 so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

1:30 He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

1:31 in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Matthew 5:1-12

5:1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

5:2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5:5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

5:10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

5:11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

5:12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week:

"If you have never been in war, imprisoned or suffered from starvation, then you are better off than five hundred million other people." (*Lord Alton*)

Intercessions:

World Church: Lichfield - (Canterbury, Shrewsbury, Stafford and Wolverhampton)

Diocese: Pray for all Spiritual Directors in the Diocese

Benefice: The Rector and her family

Prayers for those in Long Term Care:

Jill Maslen-Jones, Martin Beale and Pam Way

Prayers for the Sick:

Dave Dyke and Diane McCarthy and Gregor Rushin

Prayers for the Departed:

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

In Memoriam:

Shirley Mayfield, Steven Smith, James Clue, Kathleen Turner

Notices

Benefice Notices

We are attempting to do another winter clothing appeal for Syria and Iraq.

We need winter clothes, blankets, duvets, coats, etc, please leave them in the back of Linch or Milland Church.

We will be boxing them up in the Bettsworth Room to be shipped out to Syria and Iraq.

Again the clothes need to be in really good condition.

The deadline for us to collect is the 2nd Feb.

If you need more info or if you can help please contact

Mu Bullingham muathome@btinternet.com or Colin

Stopher colinstopher@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for your help.

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

Women's World Day of Prayer: Friday March 3 at 11am.

The Women's World Day of Prayer began as separate days of prayer organised by individual denominations in America in the mid 1800s and has now become an international and ecumenical day of prayer.

This year's service will take place at Linch on Friday 3rd March at 11.00 a.m. but the Day of Prayer began when the sun rose over Samoa and the first service took place and it ends as the sun sets over American Samoa. The worship for this year has been prepared by the Christian women of the Philippines and, just as they began to write it, typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines causing much destruction. During this day, an estimated 3 million people in 170 countries and islands will have prayed with and for the people of the Philippines and, in the British Isles alone, some 6,000 services will have been held. Do come along and join with us for this special day of prayer.

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

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.

Stedham with Iping Notices:

Next PCC Meeting: 30th January 7.30 at Myrtle cottage.

Memorial Service and Burial of Ashes: for Colonel Hugh Mackay, O.B.E.

Friday, 17th March, 12pm St Mary's Church, Iping, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 0PF