

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 **Bettesworth Room**.

### Milland Notices:

Thank you to the team at Iping Church last Sunday for Candlemas. It was a lovely service followed by refreshments. It is really very special having Benefice services in all four churches in rotation and great to see such a good support from all four churches

**APCM:** 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:

**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*

*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.

### Linch Notices:

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is a new key safe housed just behind the main door of the church and the Bettesworth Room key will now be kept there under the same security number as before. Please ensure the key safe door is always kept shut even when the key is out to avoid it coming into contact with the main door when it is flung open! The vestry key remains where it was.

### Next Week's Services

**Sunday 12 3 before Lent**

**Stedham 9.30am** Communion  
*Readings Deut. 30:15-end; 1 Cor3:1-9  
Matthew 5:21-37*

**Milland 11am** **Matins**  
*Readings Deut. 30:15-end; Matthew 5:21-37*  
Sidesman Harry Scott  
Readers Peter Anson and Harry Scott

**Linch 3.30pm** **Evensong**  
*Readings Deut. 30:15-end; 1 Cor.3:1-9;  
Matthew 5:21-37*

## Linch with Iping Marsh

### Milland & Rake

### Stedham with Iping

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### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

**SUNDAY 5TH FEB 4TH BEFORE LENT**

**Iping 9.30am Said Communion**

**Linch 9.30am Matins**

**Milland 11am Choral Eucharist**

**No Service at Stedham**

### COLLECT FOR TODAY

O God,  
you know us to be set  
in the midst of so many and great dangers,  
that by reason of the frailty of our nature  
we cannot always stand upright:  
grant to us such strength and protection  
as may support us in all dangers  
and carry us through all temptations;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

### READINGS

**Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)**

58:1 Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

58:2 Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

58:3 "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

58:4 Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

58:5 Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? 58:6 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

58:7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

58:8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

58:9a Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

58:9b If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

58:10 if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

58:11 The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

58:12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

### **1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)**

2:1 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom.

2:2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

2:3 And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.

2:4 My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 2:5 so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

2:6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish.

2:7 But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

2:8 None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

2:9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"

2:10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

2:11 For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

2:12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

2:13 And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

2:14 Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

2:15 Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

2:16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

### **Matthew 5:13-20**

5:13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

5:15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

5:18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

5:19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

5:20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Thought for the Week:**

"If you can read, then you are better off than the two billion who are unable to read." (*Lord Alton*)

### **Intercessions:**

**World Church:** Lomega - (Loryko, Sudan)

**Diocese:** Pray for Sussex HR, our Human Resources provision

**Benefice:** Messy Church and the helpers

**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:**

Mark Porter, Colonel Hugh Mackay, O.B.E,

Stan Bedford and Sue Wilkinson.

The funeral of Mark Porter will take place at The Oaks in Havant tomorrow at 1pm.

The funeral of Stan Bedford will take place at Milland on February 16 at 12 noon.

### **Notices**

#### **Benefice Notices.**

*Well, we've done it again. More than 130 banana boxes, filled with your very generous donations have been delivered today to a centre in Worthing and will soon be wending their way to various destinations to help relieve the suffering of some of those poor refugees that daily fill our screens. A big thank you to those of you who managed to spare us a few hours from your busy life to sort and pack the hoards of clothing etc that was delivered to the Church over the last week and also those of you who helped today, Friday, with the transport. Where would we have been without you all! Love and hugs to you all. Mu Bullingham*

**LENT LUNCHESES:** Could you please let Trish or Carol know if you would be willing to hold a Lent Lunch this year. These will be held on the five Wednesdays throughout Lent, the first to be on the 8th March. This year, we will be supporting The College of St Barnabas in Lingfield which is a residential community of retired Anglican clergy.

**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.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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