

**A Quiet Day:** This will take place during Holy Week on Wednesday 12th. April at Linch from 10-00 am to 3.00pm. It will consist of 14 readings and time for meditation after each reading. To help with the meditation there are 14 beautiful paintings by artist Jenny Hawke, all contained in a little booklet, ONE FRIDAY, published by SGM Lifewords. This can be taken home to be used on another occasion or given to a friend. You can come and go at anytime. There will be flasks of hot water, tea and coffee etc.in the Bettesworth Room for you to use as needed.

Contact Bill (01428 741131) if you need more details. Come and let us use this occasion to relax and hear the Word of the Lord.

**Stations of the Holocaust:** If you are anywhere near Chichester Cathedral before Easter do take a few minutes to engage in this exhibition by the artist Jean Lamb.

Using the traditional 14 Stations of the Cross, which begin with Jesus being condemned to death at his trial and ending with his burial after his crucifixion, she has produced "something powerfully new-into each piece is carved an image from the Holocaust showing the Jewish people as they were forced into ghettos,tortured and executed.She writes " Our faith makes one explore the depths of mankind's depravity as set against the beauty of God's world and love. Artists are called to speak the truth."

**A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**  
with the Revd Jane Walker and  
the Revd Trish Bancroft  
**14-23 NOVEMBER 2017**  
Details can be found in the March magazine

## Milland Notices:

**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.

## Linch Notices:

**Church clean** - Please come and help get the church ready for Easter TOMORROW! We will meet at 9.30 and Mary T will join us later with flapjack!

*Please note that next Sunday, Palm Sunday, we will be meeting at Woodmans Green Farm at 9.15 for the procession to church for the 9.30 service.*

**Linch APCM - Sunday 30th April at 5.00 p.m.**

## Next Week's Services

<b>SUNDAY 9</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	
<b>Linch</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Communion <i>Readings Liturgy of the Passion; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Matt. 27:11-54</i>
<b>Stedham</b>	<b>11am</b>	Family Communion <i>Readings Liturgy of the Passion; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Matt. 27:11-54</i>
<b>Milland</b>	<b>5pm</b>	Evensong followed by the APCM <i>Readings Liturgy of the Passion</i>

**No Service at Iping**

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**For contact details please see the magazine or make contact through the website [www.stlukesbenefice.co.uk](http://www.stlukesbenefice.co.uk)++**

# Linch with Iping Marsh Milland & Rake Stedham with Iping

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## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

<b>SUNDAY 2</b>	<b>LENT 5</b>	
<b>Iping</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Said Eucharist
<b>Linch</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Matins
<b>Milland</b>	<b>11am</b>	Choral Eucharist

## COLLECT FOR TODAY

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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

### Ezekiel 37:1-14

37:1 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

37:2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.37:3 He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

37:4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

37:5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

37:6 I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

37:7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

37:8 I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

37:9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."37:10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

37:11 Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'37:12 Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

37:13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

37:14 I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

### Romans 8:6-11

8:6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

8:7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot,8:8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

8:9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of

sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

8:11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

### **John 11:1-45**

11:1 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 11:2 Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill.

11:3 So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."

11:4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

11:5 Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus,

11:6 after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

11:7 Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." 11:8 The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"

11:9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world.

11:10 But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them."

11:11 After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him."

11:12 The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right."

11:13 Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. 11:14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead.

11:15 For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

11:16 Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

11:17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

11:18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, 11:19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.

11:20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 11:21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

11:22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."

11:23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

11:24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

11:26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 11:27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

11:28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."

11:29 And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

11:30 Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.

11:31 The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

11:32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 11:33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

11:34 He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

11:35 Jesus began to weep.

11:36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

11:37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

11:38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 11:39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."

11:40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

11:41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.

11:42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

11:43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

11:44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

11:45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever

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

If Plan A doesn't work, the alphabet has 25 more letters. (Anon.)

### **Intercessions:**

**World Church:** Mityana - (Uganda)

**Diocese:** Pray for Mark Sowerby, Bishop of Horsham

**Benefice:** Benefice sports clubs and their volunteers

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

Jill Maslen-Jones, Martin Beale and Pam Way

**Prayers for the Sick:**

Dave Dyke, Carol Wells, Diane McCarthy and Gregor Rushin

**Prayers for the Departed:**

Erika Wheeler

**In Memoriam:** William Thayer, Alastair Pirie

### **Notices**

#### **Benefice Notices.**

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**Through the weeks** left in Lent we will be having a retiring collection for the Bishops Lent Appeal, which is for homeless young people. YMCA Downslink Group based in Hove is the designated charity for the 2017 Diocesan Lent Appeal

**St Luke's Church Fete** We desperately need donations to fill our stalls at the Church fete on Sunday 4 June. As from next Sunday there will be cardboard boxes in the porch of both Churches for books, bric a brac, tombola prizes, good as new (unwanted gifts) etc and so if you are able to help please bring your donations along to fill them. We also need jewellery, even if it is broken. If you have anything large or too heavy and you cannot get it to the church just give me a ring and I will collect. We also need plants so if you are out in the garden over the next few weeks and can spare a few cuttings or thinnings please pot them up and hang onto them until later in May or let me know and I will collect those too. Thank you Mu Bullingham 741237

### **Lent Lunches:**

**Wednesday 5th April** - Bob Farwell and Margaret Young will host at **Blake Lake House**. Margaret's number is 723157

All lunches will commence at 12.30 p.m. For catering purposes, please let each host know if you will be attending.

**Wednesday Eucharist:** This takes place on Wednesdays at the new time of **9.00am** in the **Bettesworth Room**.