

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**.

In aid of Rake Village Hall maintenance: Table Top and Car Boot
Sale **RAKE VILLAGE HALL** Saturday 25th March 12 noon to
3pm To book your table or for any other enquiries contact Debbie
Flanagan: rakeorchard@gmail.com

Milland Notices:

Flower Arrangers: There are one or two gaps in our flower-
arranging rota for the church and we would love to have a
few more helpers available. If you feel you would like to help
please contact Sheila Pim (01428 751294) for more
information. Don't think you can't do it – I think everybody can
and you would be made most welcome if you cared to join us

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:

PCC meeting - Wednesday next 22nd March, 7.30 in Bettesworth
Room.

Church clean - Please come and help get the church ready for
Easter on Monday 3rd April. We will meet at 9.30 and Mary T will
join us later with flapjack!

Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 26 MOTHERING SUNDAY

Linch	9.30am	Communion with Junior Church <i>Readings Exodus 2:1-10; Colossians 3:12-17; John 19:25b-27</i>
Stedham	9.30am	Family Communion <i>Readings Exodus 2:1-10; Colossians 3:12-17; John 19:25b-27</i>
Milland	11am	Matins <i>Lessons Exodus 2:1-10;; John 19:25b-27</i>
No Service at Iping		

Linch with Iping Marsh Milland & Rake Stedham with Iping

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THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

SUNDAY 19 MARCH LENT 3

Linch	9.30am	Communion
Stedham	9.30am	Communion
Iping	11am	Matins
Milland	11am	Said Communion

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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

Exodus 17:1-7

17:1 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the
Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They
camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to
drink.

17:2 The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to
drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why
do you test the LORD?"

17:3 But the people thirsted there for water; and the people
complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of
Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

17:4 So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this
people? They are almost ready to stone me."

17:5 The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and
take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the
staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

17:6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb.
Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people
may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

17:7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the
Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD
among us or not?"

Romans 5:1-11

5:1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with
God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

5:2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which
we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

5:3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing
that suffering produces endurance,

5:4 and endurance produces character, and character produces
hope,

5:5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been
poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given
to us.

5:6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for
the ungodly.

5:7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though
perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

5:8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were
sinners Christ died for us.

5:9 Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his
blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

5:10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God
through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been
reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

5:11 But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord

Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

John 4:5-42

4:5 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.
4:6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.
4:7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."
4:8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)
4:9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)
4:10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."
4:11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"
4:12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"
4:13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,
4:14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."
4:15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."
4:16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."
4:17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';
4:18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"
4:19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.
4:20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."
4:21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
4:22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.
4:23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.
4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."
4:25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."
4:26 Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."
4:27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"
4:28 Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,
4:29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"
4:30 They left the city and were on their way to him.
4:31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."
4:32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."
4:33 So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"
4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.
4:35 Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.
4:36 The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.
4:37 For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'
4:38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others

have labored, and you have entered into their labor."
4:39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."
4:40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.
4:41 And many more believed because of his word.
4:42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week:

"Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving: and be glad in him with psalms." (*Psalm 95*)

PRAYER TO SAY AFTER RECITING PSALM 95.

"Lord God maker of all, as we bow down in praise this day, make us attentive to your voice and do not test us beyond our enduring; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Intercessions:

World Church: Mbale - (Uganda)

Diocese: Pray for the Apostolic Life Department,

Benefice: Our Churchwardens

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:

Colonel Hugh Mackay, O.B.E, Doreen Alderman,
Erika Wheeler

In Memoriam: Frank Crocker

Notices

Benefice Notices.

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

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 will be held on **Sunday June 4th**. Please put this date in your diary and if you are able to help in any way please contact Mu Bullingham by email at muathome@btinternet.com

Tents for the Fete: The Rural Fair tents are no longer available for hire. If anyone knows of **any other source for tent hire at a reasonable price** Mu would be pleased to hear from you otherwise we will have to organise ourselves to use our garden ones!

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Once again, if you are not already collecting these for a school or club please accept them for Hollycombe and Rake Primary Schools. If you bring them to church Mary Turton and Sheila Pim will be delighted to hand them over to the school.

Lent Lunches:

Wednesday 22nd March with Marina Shellard at *Colliers Farm (about half a mile South of Fernhurst on the right of the Midhurst Road)*. If unsure, please check Marina's website, www.colliersfarm.co.uk. **Tel: 652265**

Wednesday 29th March with *Jacqui and Richard Woodhams at The Old Engine House, Cooks Pond Road, Milland Tel: 741495*

Wednesday 5th April - Bob Farwell and Margaret Young will