

A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE BIBLE. by Mary Williams

This book aims to:-enable you to find your way round the Bible,help you perceive the overarching unity of the Bible, appreciate how human understanding of God develops over the biblical period, explore the relevance of Bible situation to-day and appeal to the whole person,heart as well as head.

The book seeks to cater for: those with no or little knowledge of the Bible,those with some knowledge who wish to deepen it,those with little time to attend Bible groups and those with more time to go even deeper.

Now what more could you ask for? and the Price -a mere £2-50. If you would like to have a look at it, contact Sue Lawrie or Bill Johnston (01428 741131) But Hurry only a few left

Milland Notices:

Milland Roof Replacing the Scaffolding with Safety

Netting: It is planned that the scaffolding currently in place at the church will be replaced with safety netting over several parts of the roof to catch any debris which is flaking off the ridge tiles. This work will commence on Monday 22nd May (we hope) and take up to 4 or 5 days. During this period the CHURCH WILL BE SHUT and access to the churchyard will be very limited. If you have any questions or problems please contact Michael Cartwright, Bob Ireland or Rev Trish.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION.

Linch Notices:

Linch APCM - TODAY at 5.00pm

Stedham Notices

Lesson Reading at Stedham and Iping We would like to enlarge our team of Lesson Readers for both Iping and Stedham. If you would be interested in "having a go" please contact Vanessa (817547) or Linda (810514). We will give training if you have never tried before.

Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 7	EASTER 4
Iping 9.30am <i>Readings</i>	Said Communion <i>Acts 2:42-end; John 10: 1-10</i>
Linch 9.30am <i>Readings</i>	Matins <i>Acts 2:42-end; John 10: 1-10</i>
Milland 11am <i>Readings</i>	Choral Eucharist <i>Acts 2:42-end; 1 Peter 2; 19-end; John 10: 1-10</i>

No Service at Stedham

Linch with Iping Marsh

Milland & Rake

Stedham with Iping

Website: www.stlukesbenefice.co.uk

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

Sunday 30 Easter 3

Milland 10.30 am BENEFICE SERVICE

*Readings Acts 2: 14a, 36-41;
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35*

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

2:14a: But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

2:36 "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

2:37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

2:39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

2:40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

2:41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

1 Peter 1:17-23

1:17 If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.

1:18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold,

1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

1:20 He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.

1:21 Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

1:22 Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.

1:23 You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Luke 24:13-35

24:13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,

24:14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

24:15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,

24:16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

24:17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

24:18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

24:19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

24:20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

24:21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

24:22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,

24:23 and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

24:24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

24:25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

24:26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

24:27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

24:28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.

24:29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

24:30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

24:31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

24:32 They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

24:33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

24:34 They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"

24:35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week:

Twixt optimist and pessimist the difference is droll; The optimist the doughnut sees- the pessimist the hole. (*Anon*)

Intercessions

World Church: Nandyal - (South India)

Diocese: Pray for the Diocesan World Mission Officer - Ian Hutchinson Cervantes

Benefice: Fete Committee

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, Gregor Rushin and Julian Wells

Prayers for the Departed:

Nigel Williams

In Memoriam: Ruth Davies, Sydney Bridger, Emmie Lawrence, Lucie Sandham, Dorothy Wilson

Notices

Benefice Notices

Confirmations There will be confirmations taking place this year at Rogate Church on 15th June. Please see Rev Trish if you or your children are thinking of confirmation. Preparation for confirmation will take place through May.

St Luke's Church Fete We desperately need donations to fill our stalls at the Church fete on Sunday 4 June. There are cardboard boxes in the porch of both Churches for *books, bric a brac, tombola prizes 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*

Good as New Stall Donations for the stall will be much appreciated. Please ring *Ginny Pope* on **01730 821373** or *Paula Loh* on **01730 895936** if you have anything you would like to donate (please no books or clothes). We will be happy to collect. Thank you

Cake Stall and Teas at St Luke's Church Fete

It is time to appeal to the generosity of our wonderful valley cooks for contributions to the St Luke's Cake Stall and Teas at the Church Fete. Any home-made cakes, biscuits, fruit pies, tarts, jams, marmalades and preserves will be gratefully received by the stall organisers, preferably after 9am on that Sunday morning in Milland Valley Memorial Hall. Tray bakes and small cakes would be particularly appreciated by *Maureen Keel* who will be in charge of Teas. All items should be clearly marked if they contain nuts. Unfortunately we are unable to accept cream cakes, as we do not have the cold facilities in which to keep them at the correct temperature.

With our thanks in anticipation of your support.

Sue Laurie, Maureen Keel and Mary Turton

Bottle Stall In order to make a success of such a stall, supplies are considered essential ... and this begging letter is for any bottles that may be surplus to requirements. Any supplies will be gratefully received and can be dropped off at Myers or if it will require a trailer... just let **Trevor Fairhurst** know!

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