

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!

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 **NOW** commence on Tuesday 30 May 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.

Linch Notices:

VERBENA BONARIENSIS - A beautiful plant with basal clump of dark green leaves from which form upright wiry stems carrying tufts of tiny purplish-blue flowers in summer and autumn. You may remember my waxing lyrical about this in the September 2016 edition of the church magazine. This lovely plant was growing luxuriantly all around the bench erected in memory of Mrs Tull and was about to fill our summer with delight with its purple flowers. We were also thinking it was so profuse we could pot some up and sell it at the church fete. Alas, it has been mysteriously cut down in its prime and may even have been subjected to some form of poison. This obviously is very sad and has upset a lot of people. We are not asking the culprit to step forward (!) but please, if it manages to grow again, do respect it for the beauty it is and the joy it gives and let it live.

Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 28	EASTER 7
Linch 9.30am	Communion with Junior Church
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Acts 1:6-14; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11</i>
Stedham 9.30am	Communion
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Acts 1:6-14; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11</i>
Milland 11am	Matins
<i>Lessons</i>	<i>Acts 1:6-14; John 17:1-11</i>

No Service at Iping

Linch with Iping Marsh

Milland & Rake

Stedham with Iping

Website: www.stlukesbenefice.co.uk

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

SUNDAY 21	EASTER 6
Linch 9.30am	Communion
Stedham 9.30am	Communion
Iping 11am	Matins
Milland 11am	Said Communion

COLLECT FOR TODAY

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

READINGS

Acts 17:22-31

17:22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.

17:23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

17:24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands,

17:25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

17:26 From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live,

17:27 so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him--though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

17:28 For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

17:29 Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

17:30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

17:31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

1 Peter 3:13-22

3:13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

3:14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,

3:15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from

you an accounting for the hope that is in you;
3:16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

3:17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

3:18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,

3:19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,

3:20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

3:21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

3:22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

John 14:15-21

14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

14:17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

14:18 "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

14:19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

14:20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

14:21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week:

Intercessions

World Church: Ngbo - (Enugu, Nigeria)

Diocese: Pray for the Diocesan finance team

Benefice: Luncheon Clubs in the Benefice

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: Alfred John Jackson. John Jackson's funeral will be held at Stedham on May 18 at 3pm

In Memoriam: Denis Hanks, Arthur Wood, Rita Way, John Lake, John Trimmer

Notices

Benefice Notices

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.

Good News! We officially became a United Benefice on May 1. Rev Trish will be licensed as Rector of the new benefice and Jan Sayers as Reader in a service to be held at Stedham Church on Thursday 13 July at 7.30pm by Bishop Mark. All invited.

Pilgrimage: There are still places on the Holy Land Pilgrimage in November. Please see Rev Trish if you are interested.

St Luke's Church Fete: We will be erecting the tents for the fete on Saturday 3 June from 2 pm. If anyone would like to join us on the field to give a hand we would love to see you. The more the merrier.

Raffle Tickets: The raffle tickets are now available at the back of the church. Please take some to buy or sell. This is an easy way for you to support the Fete if you are unable to be there on the day.

We desperately need donations to fill our stalls at the Church fete on Sunday 4 June. **but please - no more bric-a-brac.** There are cardboard boxes in the porch of both Churches for *books, 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