

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:

THANK YOU.

Richard Ranson has written to say thank you to all who attended his aunt's interment of ashes and for the lovely refreshments afterwards.

Elizabeth was his aunt who was sent by Bishop Bell in the '50s to restore Linch church both the building and the people. For that we give Thanks

Next Week's Services

SUNDAY	4	PENTECOST	WHIT SUNDAY
Iping	9.30am	Said Eucharist	
	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39</i>	
11am	Milland Recreation Field	Communion	
	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Acts 2:1-21;</i>	
		<i>1 Corinthians 12:3b-13;</i>	
		<i>John 7:37-39</i>	

No Service at Stedham

Linch with Iping Marsh

Milland & Rake

Stedham with Iping

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THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

SUNDAY	28	EASTER	7
Linch	9.30am	Communion with Junior Church	
Stedham	9.30am	Communion	
Milland	11am	Matins	

No Service at Iping

COLLECT FOR TODAY

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone
before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

READINGS

Acts 1:6-14

1:6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"

1:7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

1:9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

1:10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

1:11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

1:12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

1:13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

1:14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

4:12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

4:13 But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

4:14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.

5:7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

5:8 Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

5:9 Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

5:10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

5:11 To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

John 17:1-11

17:1 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,

17:2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

17:4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

17:5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

17:6 "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

17:7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;

17:8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

17:9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

17:10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

17:11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week:

The story of Easter is the story of God's wonderful window of divine surprise. (*Carl Knudsen*)

Intercessions

World Church: Pray for the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome Nike - (Enugu, Nigeria)

Diocese: Pray for the Diocesan governance team

Benefice: The George Street Trust and Trustees

Prayers for those in Long Term Care:

Jill Maslen-Jones, Martin Beale and Pam Way

Prayers for the Sick:

Dave Dyke, Fiona Johnson, Diane McCarthy, Gregor Rushin and Julian Wells

Prayers for the Departed: Mike Smith. His Memorial Service will be at St James' Stedham 12 noon 1st June.

In Memoriam: Minnie West, Stanley Simmons Tracey Ann Nightingale

Notices

Benefice Notices

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 .

Anthony and Nicola so look forward to welcoming those from the parishes planning to come to Droxford Church on Sunday June: 18 at 6.0 p.m. There is plenty of parking in the village ... follow the signs ... the main park will be in the field behind the Church down Mill Lane. Disabled parking can be arranged with Anthony very close to the church. The church has plenty of room . Bill Johnston is kindly leading the intercessions. Refreshments follow the service, weather permitting in The Old Rectory garden right next door or if wet in the parish hall which is again very close in Droxford square and where there will be toilet facilities.

Midhurst Community Land Trust has been set up in order to try and provide some low cost housing in the Midhurst and surrounding area. We are holding our first **Public meeting on Thursday 1st June** at the Old Library in Midhurst at 7.00pm. The success of a Community Land Trust is often synonymous with input from the community. Please do come

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 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!

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