

flowers, fruit or vegetables will be very gratefully received, may be left in the church on Friday morning or **brought along on Friday afternoon. All produce will be distributed locally after the service.**

**St Luke's Milland Flower arrangers:** Are there any flower arrangers out there? Please join our group. No previous experience needed. Please contact Sheila Pim (01428 751294) if you can help.!

### Stedham Notices

**Parish of Stedham with Iping Harvest Supper. 8th October in The Memorial Hall, Stedham.**

6.30 for 7.00 p.m. **Tickets £6 each**, (bring your own drinks) now available from *Linda (810514), Vanessa (817547) Sue Brown (815510) and Jenny Cretney (817770)*

### Next Week's Services

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| <b>SUNDAY 24</b>           | <b>TRINITY 15 ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS</b>  |
| <b>Linch 9.30am</b>        | Communion with Junior Church<br><i>Readings Jonah 3: 10- chpt 4-end; Philippians 1:21-end; Matthew 20:1-16</i> |
| <b>Stedham 9.30am</b>      | Communion<br><i>Readings Isaiah3:10-end; Phil.1:21-end; Matthew 20:1-16</i>                                    |
| <b>Milland 5pm</b>         | Evensong<br><i>Lessons Genesis 28:10-17; Revelation 12:7-12</i>  |
| <b>No Service at Iping</b> |  |

## Linch with Iping Marsh Milland & Rake Stedham with Iping

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### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

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| <b>SUNDAY 17</b>      | <b>TRINITY 14</b>          |
| <b>Linch 9.30am</b>   | Communion and Baptism      |
| <b>Stedham 9.30am</b> | Communion                  |
| <b>Milland 11am</b>   | Said Communion and Baptism |

**No Service at Iping**

### COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in 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

#### Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them

#### Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants

of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

### **Matthew 18:21-35**

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported

to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Thought for the week:**

"A life is never ended until all the lives it has touched have ended too." ( Chinese Proverb)

### **Intercessions**

**World Church:** Sodor & Man - (York, England)

**Diocese:** PRAY for The Diocesan Advisory Committee and Mission & Pastoral Committee:

**Benefice:** Tennis Clubs in the Benefice and the organisers

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

Jill Maslen-Jones, Martin Beale and Pam Way

### **Prayers for the Sick:**

Fiona Johnson, Diane McCarthy, Gregor Rushin

**In Memoriam:** Grace Etherington, Arthur Lane, James Farwell

### **Benefice Notices**

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

### **Milland and Linch Notices**

This year's **Harvest Supper** will be held on Saturday, **September 30th. 7pm for 7.30pm at Rake Village Hall** Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine and available from:  
**Maureen Keel 01730 893290**

**Lynne Collard 01730 815075**

**Carol Stacey 01428 722066**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING OWN CROCKERY & CUTLERY**

**Milland Church** will be decorated for their Harvest Festival Service (Sunday October 1) during the afternoon of Friday September 29 this year as Saturday will be a busy day at the church with lots going on. Any contributions of