

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

SUNDAY 26

Linch 9.30am

Readings

CHRIST THE KING

Communion with Junior Church

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24;

Ephesians 1:15-end;

Matthew 25:31-end

Stedham 9.30am

Readings

Communion

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24;

Ephesians 1:15-end;

Matthew 25:31-end

Milland 11am

Lessons

Matins

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24;

Matthew 25:31-end

No Service at Iping

Linch with Iping Marsh

Milland & Rake

Stedham with Iping

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THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

SUNDAY 19 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Linch 9.30am Communion Service for Linch,
and Stedham

Milland 11am Said Communion

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in

darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Intercessions

World Church:Uyo - (Niger Delta, Nigeria)

Diocese: PRAY for the Archdeaconry Warden of Readers:

Benefice: Jan Sayers our Reader

Prayers for those in Long Term Care:

Martin Beale and Pam Way

Prayers for the Sick:

Fiona Johnson, Diane McCarthy, Gregor Rushin and John Weston

Prayers for the Departed:

Hannah Sentance

In Memoriam:

Joan Mullard, Cyril Stacey, Douglas Pirie, Gordon Dods, Ian Wylie

Thought for the Week

Big doors turn on small hinges. *(An old proverb)*

Benefice Notices

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

Bible Study: This continues on Monday evenings in the Bettesworth Room from 7 to 8-30.

This week we will be looking at why Luke is known as the author of "Salvation History," and in particular, we will taking note of his infancy narratives, which will help with our preparation for reading the Christmas story.

Melisma Group: The first meeting of this group will be on St. Andrew's Day, Thursday 30th Nov. at 3-00pm. **Please note change of time.** We have found a great place to meet, that is in Bob Farwell's home, in what is known as "the Upper Room."

After a short scripture reading, time for reflection will be between 30-40 minutes.

Milland Notices

PCC Meeting: will be on Wednesday 29 November at 8pm at the Church.

The George Street Trustees: will meet at 3pm on Wednesday Nov 29

Caution: From the **27th November** there will be some major maintenance work in the churchyard including work on the north hedges plus other hedges in the churchyard. Also on the **30th November** major tree surgery will be carried out on a large oak tree between the back of the church and Tuxlith. **Please keep clear of this area**