

## NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

SUNDAY	3	ADVENT 1
Linch	8.30am	Said Communion ( <i>in the Bettesworth room if very cold</i> )
Iping	10.30am	Benefice Advent Carol Service
Linch	3pm	Christingle Service

## Linch with Iping Marsh

### Milland & Rake

### Stedham with Iping

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## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

SUNDAY	26	CHRIST THE KING
Linch	9.30am	Communion with Junior Church
Stedham	9.30am	Communion
Milland	11am	Matins

## COLLECT

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven

that he might rule over all things as Lord and King;  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24;

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

### Ephesians 1:15-end;

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of

his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### **Matthew 25:31-end**

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Intercessions**

**World Church: Wad Medani - (Sudan)**

**Diocese:** PRAY for the World Mission Officer

**Benefice:** Borden Wood Village Hall Committee

### **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

### **In Memoriam:**

Len Luff, D’Arcy Burdett, Elsie Clue

### **Thought for the Week**

Falling into the deepest valley is nothing to fear. It just means that you are in the perfect position to climb the world's highest mountain. (*Carl F. Hughes*)

### **Benefice Notices**

**Stonepillow Big Eatout:** You are warmly invited ...To join the Stonepillow Big Eatout, raising funds to help homeless people in West Sussex ~ and enjoy a festive gathering with friends and colleagues at the same time!

I would love to see you at my ‘pot luck’ lunch on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** between **12 noon and 2.30pm** at Autumndale, Sandy Lane, Rake near Liss, GU33 7JE **Please bring a plate of food to share and a donation for Stonepillow**

Drinks and homemade mince pies provided!

#### **RSVP**

For more information, contact *Suzy Carter* on 01730 892774 or email [suzy@autumndale.plus.com](mailto:suzy@autumndale.plus.com)

Or visit <http://stonepillow.org.uk/stonepillow-big-eat-out/>

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

**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**