

Linch with Iping Marsh

Milland & Rake

Stedham with Iping

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Next Week's Services

WEDNESDAY 14

Linch 9am ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
Milland 7pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

SUNDAY 18

Stedham 9.30am **LENT 1**
Communion
Readings *Genesis 9:8-17;*
1 Peter 3:18-end; Mark 1:9-15

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Readings *Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-end;*
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Milland 11am Communion
Lessons *Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-end;*
Mark 1:9-15

No Service at Iping

TODAY'S SERVICES

SUNDAY 11 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

Linch 9.30am Communion

Milland 11am Matins

Stedham 11am Communion

No Service at Iping

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father!

The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Intercessions

World Church: PRAY for The Anglican Church of Canada

Diocese: PRAY for the Bishop's Council setting policy & strategy for the Diocese

Benefice: All those who help with Messy Church

Prayers for those in Long Term Care:

Martin Beale, Betty Horlock and Pam Way

Prayers for the Sick:

Fiona Johnson, Diane McCarthy, Gregor Rushin, David Stobart, John Gorse, Leslie Lloyd, Stuart Lae and Ren Ladd.

In Memoriam:

Ellen Hillier, Betty Burdett, Jim Parrett

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

Every thing can be a teacher when you look at life as if you are a student (Stacey)

Benefice Notices.

Lent Course: Inspiring Vision

The course considers how the visual arts provide inspiration and pathways to prayer.

Six people have chosen their favourite painting, picture, or work of art. In the course they explain what their choice says about prayer. The course will run on Monday evenings through Lent, starting on 19th Feb.

We will meet at 7pm in the Bettsworth Room and plan to finish at **8.30pm**

For more information talk to Rev Trish.

The Melisma Group will meet on Wednesday 28th Feb. at Black Lake House Milland at 3pm. This is for a time of meditation lasting about 45 minutes.

Lent Lunches - These are to be held on five Wednesdays during Lent and, if you would like to host one, the dates still available are 21st or 28th February or 21st March. Could you please let Carol Stacey know which, if any, of these you could do. Many thanks.

Wintershall 'The Life of Christ' - We are aiming to take a party to see this moving drama based on 'The Life of Christ' on Thursday 21st June. This is an all day event (10.00 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.) held on the Wintershall Estate (near Guildford) and is a wonderful portrayal of events from Christ's birth to his Resurrection and beyond. It is a play in three Acts with an interval for lunch. Please let Carol or Trish know if you would like to come so that we can apply for tickets as early as possible.

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

Stedham Notices:

Saturday 24th February, 2.00 p.m at **St Mary's Church** Iping. *JUMBLE SALE* to raise funds for the church. All contributions welcome - phone 01730 817547 to arrange collection.

Furnishing fabric offcuts, costume jewellery, toys, clothing, produce, cakes etc. Do come and grab a bargain. **Entrance £1 per person. Children free.**