

Sunday 11th Feb was Alex and Grace's first Sunday School in Stedham and we had seven children, who impressed the congregation with their amazing artistic skills, great fun was had by all.

Before we launched Sunday School in its new form we gave thanks and remembered all who had helped in the past especially Molly who has been sorely missed.

Because it has been resurrected it may be time to rename it, Sunday Schools are now more often than not called "Junior Church" so we will see how this evolves! A big thank you to Alex and Grace and we are very much looking forward to this month's 2nd Sunday Service 11th March, with Junior Church, which is Mothering Sunday.

For more information contact either Rev Trish or Alex her email is: alex.symonds@me.com.

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.**

Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 25	LENT 2
Linch 9.30am <i>Readings</i>	Communion with Junior Church <i>Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16;</i> <i>Romans 4: 13-end; Mark 8:31-end</i>
Stedham 9.30am <i>Readings</i>	Communion <i>Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16;</i> <i>Romans 4: 13-end;</i> <i>Mark 8:31-end</i>
Milland 11am <i>Lessons</i>	Matins <i>Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16;</i> <i>Mark 8:31-end</i>

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TODAY'S SERVICES

UNDAY 18	LENT 1
Stedham 9.30am	Communion
Linch 9.30am	Communion
Milland 11am	Communion

No Service at Iping

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

1 Peter 3:18-end

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in

prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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Intercessions

World Church: PRAY for The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Diocese:PRAY for General Synod representatives

Benefice:Milland Village Stores

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:

Bertie Ladd, Ronald Hewlett, Ian Jackson

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Wee

Forgiveness is the final form of love. (*Neibhur*)

Benefice Notices.

Woman's World Day of Prayer Friday 2nd March is Woman's World Day of Prayer, this year the service is put together by the women of Suriname.

Stedham are hosting it this year and we meet in St James' Stedham 11am for coffee and cake taken from a Suriname recipe, followed by the service at 11.30. Vanessa and Linda would like some readers please to assist. Could you let Carol Stacey know if you are able/willing to read and she will pass this on to Stedham

All are welcome, even men, in fact the name is going to change to World Day of Prayer, this was the original name and somewhere along the line the word women got put in.

The day will always be put together by women but it is put together for all so please come and join us.

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 Bettesworth 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 - Please note the first Lent Lunch is this coming **Wednesday 21st February at Lorraine Grocott's home in West Meade.** Please urgently let Lorraine know if you are able to attend so that she has some idea of numbers for catering. Her number is 741393. Please also bear the following dates in mind and, again, could you confirm your attendance with the appropriate hostess.

7th March - *Jacqui Woodhams* at Borden Wood, 741495

14th March - *Jan Sayer and Linda Stevens* in the Bettesworth Room (Linda's number 01730 810514)

21st March - *Nicky Fairhurst* at Myers, 741464.

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 **Bettesworth Room.**

Stedham Notices:

Stedham has a new Sunday School Teacher We are so pleased to welcome Alex Symonds who has kindly stepped in to run Stedham Sunday School. Alex lives in Milland next door to Rev Trish, and with her daughter Grace will run Sunday School on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11am while the family service is taking place.