

FSW is a Sussex Charity providing emotional and practical support to families in need.

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.

Linch Notices

CHURCH CLEAN - We usually do a tidy-up before Easter so why should this year be any different? What about **Monday 26th March**, to meet at the church at **9.00 a.m.** or whenever you can make it? *Please let Carol know.*

Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 4	LENT 3
Iping 9.30am <i>Readings</i>	Communion <i>Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22</i>
Linch 9.30am <i>Readings</i>	Matins <i>Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22</i>
Milland 11am <i>Lessons</i>	Eucharist <i>Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22</i>

Midweek Eucharist takes place on **Wednesdays at 9.00am** in the **Bettesworth Room.**

Linch with Iping Marsh

Milland & Rake

Stedham with Iping

Website: www.stlukesbenefice.co.uk

TODAY'S SERVICES

SUNDAY 25

LENT 2

Linch 9.30am Communion with Junior Church

Stedham 9.30am Communion

Milland 11am Matins

No Service at Iping

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted

into the fellowship of Christ's religion,

that they may reject those things t

hat are contrary to their profession,

and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;

through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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 17: 1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Romans 4: 13-end

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants,

not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Mark 8:31-end

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Intercessions

World Church: PRAY for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Diocese: PRAY for the retired clergy & their spouses. Also for clergy widows & widowers.

Benefice: Rogate Youth Club

Prayers for those in Long Term Care:

Martin Beale, Betty Horlock and Pam Way

Prayers for the Sick:

Fiona Johnson, Diane McCarthy, Gregor Rushin, John Gorse, Leslie Lloyd, Stuart Law and Ren Ladd, Mary and Barry Edwards.

Recently Departed: Percy Heath (Percy's funeral will take place Monday 5th March 2.30pm The Oaks Crematorium, Havant.

In Memoriam:

James Clue, Rene Tull, Maud Bridger

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

The essence of all art is to have pleasure in giving pleasure. (*Mikhail Baryshnikov*)

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 and Thursday afternoon through Lent, starting on 19th and 22nd Feb.

We will meet Monday's at 7pm in the Bettsworth Room and plan to finish at 8.30pm, and Thursday's at Penny Crawshaw's house Myrtle Cottage Stedham at 2pm finishing at 3.30
For more information talk to Rev Trish.

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 Bettsworth Room (Linda's number 01730 810514)

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

This year the money from our Lent Lunches will go to the Diocesan Lent Appeal for Family Support Work.