

Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 11		SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT
Linch	9.30am <i>Readings</i>	Communion <i>2 Kings 2:1-12;</i> <i>2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9;</i>
Milland	11am <i>Lessons</i>	Matins <i>2 Kings 2:1-12;</i> <i>2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9;</i>
Stedham	11am <i>Readings</i>	Communion <i>2 Kings 2:1-12;</i> <i>2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9;</i>
No Service at Iping		

Linch with Iping Marsh

Milland & Rake

Stedham with Iping

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TODAY'S SERVICES

SUNDAY 4		2 ND BEFRE LENT
Iping	9.30am	Communion
Linch	9.30am	Matins
Milland	11am	Eucharist

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens
and the earth and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Proverbs 8:1,22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Intercessions

World Church: PRAY for The Anglican Church of Burundi

Diocese: PRAY for the Honorary Assistant Bishops & Archdeacons emeritus

Benefice: The Rector and her family

Prayers for those in Long Term Care:

Martin Beale and Pam Way

Prayers for the Sick:

Fiona Johnson, Diane McCarthy, Gregor Rushin, David Stobart and John Gorse.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

All the beautiful thoughts in the world weigh less than a single lovely action

Benefice Notices.

Samara Aid What a wonderful result-102 banana boxes plus 8 other packages delivered on time to be placed on a truck in Worthing last Saturday. It is now on its way to a Syrian refugee camp and over £400 was donated to help with transport costs. To all involved, thank you and "what a lovely action

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.

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