

## Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 18TH MARCH		LENT 5
<b>Stedham</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Communion <i>Readings</i> <i>Jeremiah 31:31-34:</i> <i>Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33</i>
<b>Linch</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Communion <i>Readings</i> <i>Jeremiah 31:31-34:</i> <i>Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33</i>
<b>Milland</b>	<b>11am</b>	Said Communion <i>Lessons</i> <i>Jeremiah 31:31-34:</i> <i>Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33</i>

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

## Linch with Iping Marsh

### Milland & Rake

### Stedham with Iping

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## TODAY'S SERVICES

### SUNDAY 11TH MARCH MOTHERING SUNDAY

<b>Linch</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Communion
<b>Milland</b>	<b>11am</b>	Mothering Sunday Service with Rake School
<b>Stedham</b>	<b>11am</b>	Family Communion

## COLLECT

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we  
may know the power of your presence to bind together and  
to heal;  
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

### Exodus 2:1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

### John 19:25b-27

And that is what the soldiers did.  
Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,

and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

## **Intercessions**

**World Church:** for The Church of England The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury

**Diocese:** for the Diocese of Chichester Academies Trust (DCAT)

**Benefice:** Stedham memorial Hall and all that support it

**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, Ren Ladd, Mary and Barry Edwards, Trudi Archer.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Thought for the Week**

"True friendship is seen through the heart, not through the eyes." (Anon)

## **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 and Thursday afternoon through Lent. **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** - The Lent Lunch dates are as below. Please let the hostess know beforehand if you are attending.

**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.***

***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.

**THE MELISMA GROUP** meets again on Wednesday 28th March at Blacklake House, Milland at 3pm.

## **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.***