

Linch with Iping Marsh

Milland & Rake

Stedham with Iping

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Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 22	EASTER 4
Stedham 9.30am	Communion
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-end; John 10:11-18</i>
Linch 9.30am	Family Communion with Junior Church
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-end; John 10:11-18</i>
Milland 5pm	Evensong followed by APCM
<i>Lessons</i>	<i>Acts 4:5-12; John 10:11-18</i>

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

TODAY'S SERVICES

SUNDAY 15	EASTER 3
Stedham 9.30am	Communion
Linch 9.30am	Communion
Milland 11am	Communion

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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

Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Luke 24: 36b-48

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

Intercessions

World Church: PRAY for The Church of Ireland.

Diocese: PRAY for the Diocesan Advisory Committee & the Mission and Pastoral Committee.

Benefice: All APCM's coming up in the Benefice

Prayers for those in Long Term Care:

Martin Beale, Betty Horlock, Margaret Green 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 and Penny Burge.

In Memoriam: J. Archer Fuller

Post Communion Prayer

Living God,

your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:

open the eyes of our faith,

that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Thought for the Week

Hope is a gift of light which leads the way out of darkness and despair (*Samara's Aid Newsletter.*)

Benefice Notices.

Annual Parochial Church Council meetings for this year are as follows:

Milland & Rake Sunday 22nd April 6pm at St Luke's Church Milland, this follows our Evensong Service at 5pm

Stedham with Iping Monday 23rd April 7pm at St James' Church, for those who wish to join us we will meet, first, for Evening Prayer at 6.30.

Linch with Iping Marsh Sunday 29th April 4pm at St Luke's Church Linch.

These are public meetings so all are welcome to attend, however only those on the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to vote.

If anyone wishes to join the Electoral Roll there will be forms at the back of each Church

Cathedral Evensong: The benefice will be prayed for at the Cathedral Evensong on *Thursday 19th April at 5.30 pm. All welcome to attend.*

Talents: On Monday **14th May**, Linch Church will be a venue for showing our God given talents, these talents will in turn be used to inform our prayers. If you have a piece of art or wish to do a piece of art which we can use as one of the prayer stations please let Rev Trish know. These pieces of art can be paintings, craft or flowers. We will invite the Deanery to come and spend some quite prayer time in the church that day. This is part of the Church of England's initiative "**Thy Kingdom Come**". There will be other services etc going on around the deanery that week. So watch this space.

Confirmations

The confirmations this year will be held on 14th June at Milland Church, 7.30pm, Bishop Martin will preside. Confirmation preparation will start on Thursday 17th of May for 4 weeks at the Rectory 6.30pm. Though time and day can be changed to suit. Those wishing to be confirmed please speak to Rev Trish. I'm very pleased that we have 6 candidates already.

The Melisma Group: meets again on Wednesday 18th April at 3pm at Bob Farwell's home.(741450) This is a time of reflection & meditation.

Please save the date! To follow their quiet wedding at the beginning of May, Bob Farwell and Margaret Young warmly invite the church family to an informal celebration at Black Lake House, Milland, on Sunday 13th May from 11.30 onwards. Might you be so kind nearer the time to add your names to a list so that the caterer has a rough idea of numbers?