

confirmed pleased speak to Rev Trish. I'm very pleased that we have 6 candidates already.

Linch with Iping Marsh Milland & Rake Stedham with Iping

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Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 15		EASTER 3
Stedham	9.30am	Communion
	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48</i>
Linch	9.30am	Communion
	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48</i>
Milland	11am	Communion
	<i>Lessons</i>	<i>Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48</i>

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

TODAY'S SERVICES

SUNDAY 8		EASTER 2
Linch	9.30am	Communion
Milland	11am	Matins
Stedham	11am	Family Communion

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

1 John 1:1-2.2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son

cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

John 20:19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Intercessions

World Church: PRAY for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Diocese: PRAY for the Property Department

Benefice: Milland Memorial Hall Committee

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.

Prayers for the Departed:

Ted Maslen-Jones.

In Memoriam: William Hall, Peter Colles, Margaret West

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thought for the Week

Dear old world, you are very lovely, and I am glad to be alive in you. (*L.M. Montgomery.*)

Benefice Notices.

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?

Wintershall 'The Life of Christ' - *We now need to book and pay for these tickets so could all those who have said they would like to come please let Trish or Carol have the money as soon as possible. As you will see from the poster, the standard price is £20 but £18 for those who are 65 and over.*

PACT: Spring lecture Friday 13th April 7.30pm at St Mary's, Petworth GU28 0AD with SAT-7

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