

## Christmas Services

### MONDAY 24

Linch 3pm  
Linch 11.30pm  
*Readings*

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Crib Service  
Midnight Mass  
*Isaiah 52:7-10;*  
*Hebrews 1:1-12;*  
*John 1: 1-14*

Milland 11.30pm  
*Lessonss*

Midnight Mass  
*Isaiah 52:7-10;*  
*Hebrews 1:1-12;*  
*John 1: 1-14*

Stedham 11.30pm  
*Readings*

Midnight Mass  
*Isaiah 52:7-10;*  
*Hebrews 1:1-12;*  
*John 1: 1-14*

### TUESDAY 25

Linch 9.30am  
*Readings*

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Said Communion  
*Isaiah:9:2-7;*  
*Titus 2.11-14 ;Luke 2:1-20*

Milland 11am  
*Readings*

Communion  
*Isaiah:9:2-7;*  
*Titus 2.11-14 ;Luke 2:1-20*

Iping 9.30am  
*Readings*

Communion  
*Isaiah:9:2-7; Titus 2.11-14 ;*  
*Luke 2:1-20*

### SUNDAY 30

IPING 10.30am  
*Readings*

### FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

BENEFICE NEW YEAR EUCHARIST SERVICE  
*1 Samuel 2:18-20,26;*  
*Colossians: 3:12-17;*  
*Luke 2:41-end*

## Linch with Iping Marsh

## Milland & Rake

## Stedham with Iping

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### TODAY'S SERVICES

#### SUNDAY 23

Stedham 9.30am

Milland 11am

Linch 6pm

#### ADVENT 4

Communion

Matins

Linch Carol Service

### COLLECT

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### TODAY'S READINGS

#### Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of  
the LORD,

in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land  
and tread upon our soil,  
we will raise against them seven shepherds  
and eight installed as rulers.

#### Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;  
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken  
pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-  
offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he  
added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first  
in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we

have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

### **Luke 1:39-55**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,  
'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Intercessions**

**World Church:** Kubwa - (Abuja, Nigeria)

**Diocese:** PRAY for Workplace Chaplains: Industrial;  
Fire; Police; Ambulance; Coastguard, Airport

**Benefice:** all those travelling to spend Christmas with  
family

### **Prayers for those in Long Term Care:**

Martin Beale, Betty Horlock, Margaret Green, Pam Way  
and Mary Edwards.

### **Prayers for the Sick:**

Diane McCarthy, Stuart Law, Ren Ladd, Barry Edwards,  
Trudi Archer, Richard Werner. Stephen Lisle, Dawn  
Houston, Fiona Johnson and Dr Lionel Cartwright.

### **Prayers for the Departed:**

Renn Ladd

**In Memoriam:** Patricia Williams, Stanley Thorne,  
Kathleen Gates, George Hendon, Phyllis Fleming

### **Thought for the Week**

Grace, like quantum waves, is in the air all around us.  
(Michael Harding)

### **Benefice Notices**

#### **Milland Notices**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The **black bins** provided behind the church at St Luke's Milland are for **compostable rubbish only**. All *other waste material* must be removed to the **green bin or taken home**. Thank you.

### **Linch Notices**

**Sunday 6th January:** Jan will once again be leading a Songs of Praise service, this time specifically for Epiphany. Please do let us know your favourite hymn and/or reading for this particular season of the year and sign up on the sheet at the back of the church. We look forward to as many ideas as possible!