

Linch Notices

Rev'd Bill will not be able to take the 3rd Sunday Service at **Linch** this month, so please note that Sunday **17th Feb** will be a **joint 9.30 service with Stedham at St James' Stedham.**

House move for JP: For those of you that don't know JP Williams has moved house, from Fernhurst to Hindhead, if you would like JPs new address please see Rev Trish

Stedham with Iping Notices

GREAT IPING JUMBLE SALE Saturday 23rd February 2.00 p.m. Entry £1. Clothes, toys, furnishing fabrics, ladies' accessories, cakes and produce, bric-a-brac, etc. More information from Vanessa on 01730 817547.

Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 17 3rd BEFORE LENT

Stedham 9.30am Communion

Readings *Jeremiah 17:5-10;*
1 Corinthians 15:12-20;
Luke 6:17-26

Linch NO SERVICE AT LINCH

JOINT SERVICE AT STEDHAM

Milland 11am Communion

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Luke 6:17-26

TUESDAY 12

Linch 12 noon John Booker's funeral

Wednesday Eucharist in the Bettesworth Room Linch 9am

Linch with Iping Marsh

Milland & Rake

Stedham with Iping

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TODAY'S SERVICES

SUNDAY 10TH 4TH BEFORE LENT

Linch 9.30am Communion

Milland 11am Matins

Stedham 11am Family Communion with Junior Church

COLLECT

O God,
you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
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.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 6:1- end;

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' And he said, 'Go and say to this people:

"Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand." Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.' Then I said, 'How long, O Lord?' And he said: 'Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remains in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an

oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.’
The holy seed is its stump..

1 Cor 15:1-11;

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Intercessions World Church: PRAY for The Anglican Church of Canada

Diocese: PRAY for the Diocesan Board of Finance:

Benefice: Stedham Memorial Hall and all that support it

Prayers for those in Long Term Care:

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

Prayers for the Sick:

Pam Browne, Stuart Law, Barry Edwards, Trudi Archer, Richard Werner. Stephen Lisle, Dawn Houston, Fiona Johnson and Lionel Cartwright.

Prayers for the Departed: John Booker (John’s funeral will be on Tuesday 12th Feb at 12 noon at Linch Church, followed by burial at Iping Marsh)

Post Communion Prayer

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

Justice is the hand-maiden of truth and when truth dies, justice is buried with it. (*Ravi Zacharias*)

Benefice Notices

DON’T MISS OUT!

Every six years the Church Electoral Roll is scrapped and a totally new one compiled. No names are carried forward from the old roll to the new one, so everyone has to reapply and this is one of those years. Lay persons are entitled to have their name entered on the roll of a parish if they are baptised, and are sixteen and over **Why join?** Well, it allows us to take part in decision-making in the life of our local church and acts as a Voters List (for the Annual Meeting); it’s an indication of a level of support for the life of the local church; it gives a right to be married in a particular church (though there are other qualifying connections that also allows marriage in a parish church); it also is a requirement for anyone wishing to join the Parochial Church Council. **How do I join?** You should find application forms in each church, but every Church Council has an Electoral Roll Officer; forms may also be had via Churchwardens and PCC members, who can direct you or make forms available. There will be a cut-off date by which time your form(s) must have been received; this date will be displayed on the Electoral Roll revision notice, on or near the principal door of your church in due course.

Food Bank Please remember that we collect for the Midhurst Food Bank in both **Stedham and Linch** Churches. There is a real need for your generosity.

March 13 and 14: Bishop Martin is visiting the Deanery. On the 13th Bishop Martin will preside at the **Wednesday Eucharist in Linch** but at the later time of **12 noon**, all are welcome.

Women’s World Day of Prayer 1st March Linch Church 11am for coffee, followed by the service at 11.30, all welcome.

Coffee and a chat Please come and join Rev Trish and others at Rotherhill Nurseries Tea Shop Stedham. On Friday 22 February at 11am for a coffee and a chat. We are hoping to make this a monthly get together.

Melisma group meets again on 28th Feb. as usual at 3pm at Black LakeHouse, Milland. Melisma means "a pause." and in the pause we relax, reflect and are restored.