

Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 10	4TH BEFORE LENT
Linch 9.30am	Communion
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Isaiah 6:1-end;</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke5:1-11</i>
Milland 11am	Matins
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Isaiah 6:1-end; Luke5:1-11</i>
Stedham 11am	Family Communion
<i>Lessons</i>	<i>Isaiah 6:1-end;</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke5:1-11</i>

Linch with Iping Marsh

Milland & Rake

Stedham with Iping

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TODAY'S SERVICES

SUNDAY 3	5TH BEFORE LENT
Iping 9.30am	Said Eucharist
Linch 9.30am	Matins
Milland 11am	Choral Eucharist

COLLECT

Almighty God,
by whose grace alone we are accepted
and called to your service:
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
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

Ezekiel 43:27-44.4

When these days are over, then from the eighth day onwards the priests shall offer upon the altar your burnt-offerings and your offerings of well-being; and I will accept you, says the Lord GOD.

Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east; and it was shut. The LORD said to me: This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it; for the LORD, the God of Israel, has entered by it; therefore it shall remain shut. Only the prince, because he is a prince, may sit in it to eat food before the LORD; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gate, and shall go out by the same way.

Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; and I looked, and lo! the glory of the LORD filled the temple of the LORD; and I fell upon my face.

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of

Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Intercessions

World Church: PRAY for The Anglican Church of Burundi

Diocese: PRAY for the retired clergy & their spouses and also for clergy widows & widowers.

Benefice: The Rector and her family

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.

In Memoriam: Steven Smith,, James Clue, Kathleen Turner

Prayers for the Departed: Douglas Norris

Post Communion Prayer

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life, strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

Start by doing what is necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible. *(Anon)*

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 local church in due course.

Stedham Notices

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

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