

Village Market on Sat. 2nd, the takings at the "Good as New" stall were over £90 including donations for 15 "bricks." There are two items one, a bathroom cabinet, the other, a child's car seat, which are available for a donation from Bill. 01428 741131.

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.

Linch Notices

Please note that, on **Sunday 7th April** (Passion Sunday), instead of the usual Matins at Linch, there will be Evensong at five o'clock in the church. Please do put the date in your diaries now. The choir will be singing some special anthems and Rev Trish and Jan will be taking the service.

APCM at Linch: The annual meeting is in church on Sunday 14th April, after the 9.30 service.

Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 17		2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
Stedham	9.30am	Communion
	<i>Readings</i>	Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Philippians 3:17-4.1; Luke 13:31-end
Linch	9.30am	Communion
	<i>Readings</i>	Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Philippians 3:17-4.1; Luke 13:31-end
Milland	11am	Communion
	<i>Lessons</i>	Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Philippians 3:17-4.1; Luke 13:31-end

Wednesday Eucharist in the Bettsworth Room Linch
9am

Linch with Iping Marsh Milland & Rake Stedham with Iping

Website: www.stlukesbenefice.co.uk

TODAY'S SERVICES

SUNDAY 10	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
Linch 9.30am	Communion
Milland 11am	Songs of Praise
Stedham 11am	Family Communion

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Romans 10:8b-13

But what does it say?

'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you",

and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Intercessions

World Church: PRAY for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Diocese: PRAY for Human Resources

Benefice: All responsible for the Stedham Memorial Hall

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. Dawn Houston, Fiona Johnson and Lionel Cartwright

Prayers for the Departed: Stephen Lisle.

Henry (Geoff) West. His funeral will take place at St James Church on Monday 11th March at 12.00

In Memoriam: Charles West

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,

and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

A QUESTION FOR THIS WEEK.

For which causes and values are you prepared to struggle or sacrifice during this Lent?

Benefice Notices

Lent Course 2019

The Lent course will run for six weeks starting **Monday 11th March** and every Monday finishing on **Monday 15th April**. They will be held **Monday afternoons** starting at **2pm** at **Myrtle Cottage Stedham**, and **Monday evenings in the Bettsworth Room Linch at 7.30pm**.

Each session will be no longer than 90 minutes. The course is called "Living Christ" and has been especially written for the Diocesan Year of Vocation. All are welcome *For more information talk to Rev Trish.*

Lent Lunches. All lunches begin at 12.30

- **13th March**, Bishop taking a Eucharist at 12.30 Linch so no Lent Lunch that day
- **20th March**, free if anyone would like to host
- **27th March**, Rev Trish and Carol Lunch Bettsworth Room
- **3rd April**, Jan and Linda Lunch Bettsworth Room
- **10th April**, Bob and Margaret, Black Lake House Milland

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.

Samara's Hospital Project in Syria:

You will have read about this, in this month's edition of S.M.I.L.E. Well the good news is that at the Redford