

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

Stedham Notices

PALM SUNDAY, 14th April. Our Service for Palm Sunday will start from Stedham Village Green at 11am with a reading and prayers before we process to the church. If you do not wish to process then please go straight to the church and we will join you shortly after 9.30 a.m. The service will then continue as normal but with no sermon as we will be hearing the whole story of Palm Sunday as recorded in the Gospel of Luke.

Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 14		PALM SUNDAY
	9.15 am	Procession from Woodmansgreen Farm
Linch	9.30am	Communion followed by APCM
	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Liturgy of the Palms ; Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 23: 1-49 (Passion of Christ)</i>
Stedham	11 am	Procession from the Village Green to Church Family Communion
	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Liturgy of the Palms ; Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 23: 1-49 (Passion of Christ)</i>
Milland	5pm	Evensong followed by APCM
	<i>Lessons</i>	<i>Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 23: 1-49 (Passion of Christ)</i>

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 7		5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
Iping	9.30am	Communion
Milland	11am	Choral Eucharist
Linch	5pm	Evensong

COLLECT

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 43:16-21;

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Philippians 3:4b-14;

even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a

righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Intercessions

World Church: PRAY for the Church of Church of Ireland

Diocese: PRAY for Children & Youth Worker

Benefice: Sports clubs in the Benefice and volunteers

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, Trudi Archer, Richard Werner. Dawn Houston, Fiona Johnson, Lionel Cartwright.

Prayers for the Departed: Rupert Porter and John Lines (*John's Funeral will be at St James' Stedham on 8th April at 2.45pm*)

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:

give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

In Memoriam

William Thayer, Alastair Pirie, William Hall, Peter Colles, Margaret West

A Question for this week: "What are the questions for which you are seeking answers at the present time?"

Benefice Notices



THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN
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Easter Activities Session

**St Mary Magdalene Church
Church Hill
Midhurst
GU29 9PB**

**Thursday 11th April
10:30am - 1pm**

Arts, crafts

and make your own lunch!

All ages welcome!

(Parents/carers must stay with children)

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Lent Lunch. 12.30pm

If possible, please let your host know beforehand that you hope to be attending.

- **10th April**, Bob and Margaret, Black Lake House Milland

Confirmation

There will be a confirmation service on 19th June in St Margaret's Church Fernhurst at 7.30. If you are interested in being confirmed please speak to Rev Trish. The confirmation preparation classes will run for 4 weeks starting Wednesday 22nd May and finishing on 12th June. They will be held in the Bettsworth Room Linch at 6.30pm, though please note the time and day can be changed to accommodate all hoping to come.

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:

On Saturday 6th April there will be a "Good as New" stall at the Redford Monthly Market between 10-12pm where any article can be yours for a donation.

Articles for the stall will also be received and "bricks" can be bought. For more details contact Bill at 01428 741131

Linch Notices

Please note that, NEXT Sunday 7th April (Passion Sunday), instead of the usual Matins at Linch, there will be Evensong at five o'clock in the church.