

as the church's funds - we need a full church so we are relying on you!

DAVID STOBART : is well settled into his new "home" and would love to see visitors. Please ring Gill 01962 808926 to make arrangements.

Forthcoming notes for service changes:

September 15 There will be a joint communion service at Stedham for the congregations of Linch and Stedham. There will be no service at Linch on this day.

Intercessions: It would be so lovely to recruit some new intercessors for all the Churches in the benefice, if you feel this might be something you would like to do we are having a meeting at David Robinson's house on Friday 6th September 4pm. We will use the time to give guidance in how to write and deliver intercessions. There are plenty of resource that are helpful and we will go through these. Honestly it's not as frightening as it may seem, it is indeed a privilege to intercede for others. If you are interested please have a word with Rev Trish.

Next Week's Services

SUNDAY 15		TRINITY 13
Stedham	9.30am	Joint Communion Service with Linch
	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Jeremiah 4, 11-12,22-28; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10;</i>
Milland	11am	Said Communion
	<i>Lessons</i>	<i>Jeremiah 4, 11-12,22-28; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10;</i>

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TODAY'S SERVICES

SUNDAY 8		TRINITY 12
Linch	9.30am	Communion
Stedham	11am	Family Communion and Sunday School

Wednesday Eucharist in the Bettesworth Room Linch 9am.

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COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan

against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Philemon 1-21

The letter from Paul to Philemon

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not

able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Intercessions

World Church: Pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Diocese: PRAY for for the Diocesan Board of Education:

Benefice: Bell Ringers at St Lukes Milland and Stedham
Prayers for those in Long Term Care:

Martin Beale, Betty Horlock, Margaret Green, Pam Way, David Stobart, Allan Jones.

Prayers for the Sick:

Pam Browne, Stuart Law, Trudi Archer, Dawn Houston, , Lionel Cartwright, Fiona Johnson, Debbie Dean, Greg Carter, Virginia Pope and the Werner family especially Fred, Janet, Richard, Lucy and baby Beau.

In Memoriam

Carrie Tidy, Donald Carpmael, Carol Fitch, William Lamb, Jenny Farwell, Agnes Muscato, Ruby Lawrence, Philippa Caulfeild, Millie Ladd, Grace Etherington

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy,

in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing:

grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thoughts for the Week

No man is the whole of himself. His friends are the rest of him (*Harry Fosdick*)

Notices

Lunch Club: You will be aware that we are aiming to resurrect the Lunch Club as from October and we should be grateful if everyone could advertise this to their friends and neighbours. Details: first Friday in the month at a cost of £4 (£5 with wine) - and, nearer the date, we will just need to have an idea of numbers. Thanks.

Linch

A little time in the future but to be thought about

now: On Wednesday 9th October, we have arranged a meeting in the church at 2.00 p.m. where a former Royal Bodyguard will speak to us of his experiences in that particular job. Apparently, he worked with and for Princess Diana so no doubt has some tales to tell. This is a fund-raising event and needs your support. Tickets will be £10 per person and tea and cakes will be served (what an incentive). For the speaker's sake - as well, obviously,