

**UNITED BENEFICE OF LINGFIELD &
DORMANSLAND**

LINGFIELD PARISH CHURCH

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Vicar - The Revd. Ian Whitley has been appointed. Not yet in residence.

The Parish Office will not be staffed, however phone and email contacts are live.

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday February 14, 2021.

Church website – Our latest information, updated weekly, is also available on our website, see www.lingfieldparishchurch.org. Included is this pewsheet information, and back copies should you wish. Our Churchwardens are sending out frequent links for the many Zoom hosted events, please do join us, there are a range of possibilities for joining on-line services and keeping in contact with each other in these difficult times.



Sunday Before Lent – St Valentine's Day

Our gospel reading for Sunday is the Transfiguration of our Lord, illustrated by the wonderful stained-glass window in church, on the south wall by the organ. It conveys that profound moment when three of Jesus' disciples, Peter, James and John, had a glimpse of Jesus in his full divine glory.

The disciples experienced first-hand that great love of Jesus, not just for his followers but also for all people he encountered including tax collectors, foreigners,

lepers, prostitutes. Above all, he showed all humankind the greatest love by sacrificing himself on the cross to save us.

St Valentine was a priest or a bishop in the Roman Empire who ministered to persecuted Christians in the third century. He was martyred on 14th February and since the Middle Ages his Saints day has been associated with love and lovers. There is a legend that Valentine defied the order of the emperor and conducted Christian weddings for couples, allowing the husbands to escape conscription into the pagan army. To remind the men of their vows and God's love he is said to have given them hearts cut out of parchment.

This time last year David Lane and I were singing the Beatles song 'All You Need Is Love' at Messy Church. So much has happened since but God's love hasn't changed and may we all follow his command to love one another. Richard.

Licensing of our new Vicar - The Reverend Ian Whitley has been appointed **Vicar of Lingfield and Dormansland (United Benefice)**. The Licensing, as Priest-in-Charge by The Rt Revd. Jonathan Clark, Bishop of Croydon, will be held on **Tuesday February 23 at 7.30pm** on-line by Zoom. The Diocese office has now issued a link to join the service, which will be sent out to the usual distribution members. The Institution and Induction process as Vicar cannot be held other than live in our church, so will take place later in the year, when open public services are again permitted.

IN-CHURCH SERVICES SUSPENDED

February 14. Sunday next before Lent.

10.00am

Service on Zoom, see links given by email.

Nigel will lead, see links by email.

For private study the scheduled Lectionary readings for today are:-

Readings: 2 Kings 2: 1-12 (369) 2 Colossians 4: 3-6 (1160)

Mark 9: 2-9 (1012)

Collect for the Sunday next before Lent – Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Ash Wednesday February 17 – This coming Wednesday is the beginning of **Lent**. Therefore, there will be a short service on Zoom at 8.00pm, (the usual Compline slot). It is proposed that individuals prepare their own 'ashes' if they wish to be 'ashed'. The ashes can be prepared by simply burning an old palm cross and adding, if wanted, a little bit of oil. I have a stock of Palm Crosses if anyone would like one for this purpose. There are also stocks at SS Peter & Paul. Please join with us as we begin our 40-day preparation for Easter. Nigel.

Thursday February 18 – For this week only the usual ‘Wednesday’ **Compline** service will be moved to this evening at 8.00pm, please watch for the links giving details.

Communal Services held on video link – Services on Zoom will continue to be held at 10.00am on Sundays, a Compline service on Wednesdays at 8.00pm, and on other occasions such as ‘Chat’ on Tuesday, please follow the emailed links to join, and enjoy. Contact the Churchwardens, see link, if you wish to be included. Again, additional Zoom services may be introduced, so please open your inbox often for details.

NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

IN-CHURCH SERVICES SUSPENDED

February 21. First Sunday of Lent.

10.00am Service on Zoom, see links given by email.
Nigel will lead, see links by email.

For private study the scheduled Lectionary readings for today are:-

Readings: Genesis 9: 8-17 (10) 1 Peter 3: 18-end (1219)

Mark 1: 9-15 (1002)

OTHER INFORMATION.

Covid-19 – Please use the **NHS Covid-19 app**. A **QR code poster** is on the entrance table just inside the Miller Room. We will continue to use a paper sign-in record, ensuring that we have the information necessary for Track and Trace. Our worship of God and our care for each other continue. The churchwardens of this church can be contacted in an emergency:-

Richard Holroyd - 01342 833776, beachhutbooks@btinternet.com.

Sue Ellis - 01342 870261, Suebellis@outlook.com.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”

Current Government rules –The church will be open twice a week for private prayer, as follows: -

- Sunday Feb 14 – 2.00 to 4.00pm - Church representative will be present.
- Wednesday Feb 17 - 2.00 to 4.00pm - Church representative will be present.
- Sunday Feb 21 – 2.00 to 4.00pm - Church representative will be present.

Prayer Support for Ian, Kat & Oscar Whitley – Already distributed but repeated here is part of the 40-day programme of prayer to support Ian and his family as they prepare to join us here in Lingfield and Dormansland, listed suggestions for each day are shown. The 40th day will be Ian’s Licensing (Induction at later date).

Day **31**; Feb. 14 – Psalm 31: 9-14 – For the creation of Godly support and ministry teams. (Sunday next before Lent).

Day **32**; Feb. 15 – Psalm 32: 1-5 – For a deepening of repentance and forgiveness.

Day **33**; Feb. 16 – Psalm 33: 1-5 – For a growth of individual and corporate worship.

Day **34**; Feb. 17 – Psalm 34: 1-5 – For a growing sense of God’s glory in all things. (**Ash Wednesday**).

Day **35**; Feb. 18 – Psalm 35: 1-5 - For God’s protection aided by the ‘armour of God’ (Ephesians 6: 13-18).

Day **36**; – Feb. 19 – Psalm 36: 5-10 – For the gifts necessary to grow disciples.

Day **37**; Feb. 20 – Psalm 37: 3-7 – For a growth in Christian character and example.

Day **38**; Feb. 21 – Psalm 38: 21-22 – For a close walk with God in all situations.

(**Lent 1**)

Day **39**; Feb. 22 – Psalm 39: 4-5 – For God’s blessing & protection on Ian, Kit & Oscar.

Day **40**; Feb 23 – Psalm 40: 1-3 - For God’s richest blessing today & in the years ahead. (**Licensing Day**)

Saturday February 27 - **Fairtrade Virtual Fabulous Quiz Nite** at 7.30pm on Zoom in aid of the Fairtrade Foundation at £10 per family/group/couple/singleton. Book your place with Gill at gillwilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk, 01342 833994 when full details will be provided, a Fairtrade Snack Box/Supper can be delivered to your home. The Virtual Fairtrade Quiz falls in the middle of **Fairtrade Fortnight, February 22 to March 7**, in support of our partners, producers and farmers in the developing world.

New seasonal event – **Fairtrade Easter Cake Bake at Home**. Our Fairtrade Simnel cake will be an ideal Mothering Sunday gift (March 14) or an Easter treat (April 4). Most ingredients will be included in the kit with full instructions (you need a 7” tin, add eggs, flour, butter, lemon zest), cost £12. (***Please note that the kit will not be suitable for those with nut allergies.***) Order by March 1 from Gill (gillwilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk), 01342.833994, for delivery to your doorstep on Friday, March 12. Proceeds to the Fairtrade Foundation.

The Sick - Please pray for Brian Bell, Pam Marks, Keith Smith, Sue Page, Jenny Holroyd, Alison Penny, Peter Francis, Victor Alfrey, Josie Davis, Gerald Winter and all whose names have been placed on the prayer board.

Rest in Peace - We remember Joan Harvey, Joan Wilson and all those who have died recently. We recall Ruth Jenner and all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.

Joan Harvey – There will be a service (family only) at the crematorium led by Seb, on Thursday March 4. There will be a memorial service in church later, when the family are permitted to travel from Canada, and we are able to enter and meet in our church again.

Joan Wilson – Joan was 98 years old. The funeral service will be at the crematorium in early March.

Notices for inclusion in the pewsheets for Sunday February 21 should be phoned to Peter Beynon (834858, or email plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk) not later than preceding Thursday please.