

**UNITED BENEFICE OF LINGFIELD &
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LINGFIELD PARISH CHURCH**

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Vicar - In Vacancy

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday November 1, 2020.



All Saints and All Souls

Sunday 1st November is All Saints Day and 2nd November, All Souls. These important days in the church calendar are preceded by All Hallows Eve, better known as Halloween. Sadly, the latter has developed into a rather negative and for some, frightening time. A few years ago, we held our usual Memorial service for people who had been bereaved in recent years. It coincided with a Halloween party where people had put mock coffins in our churchyard and skulls in the trees. Fortunately, I had them removed before people came out of church.

It is so good that children have this year been given the opportunity to attend a positive Halloween party to celebrate light and to light up their windows with positive messages of light, hope and love.

Let us this year celebrate the lives of the departed, giving thanks for all the love and happiness they provided in their earthly lives, and let us try to take the fear out of death. Cardinal Basil Hume, shortly before his own death wrote:

'Death is a formidable foe until we learn to make it a friend. Death is to be feared if we do not learn to welcome it. Death is the ultimate absurdity if we do not see it as fulfilment. Death haunts us when viewed as a journey into nothingness rather than a pilgrimage to a place where true happiness is to be found... Death is not the end of the road, but a gateway to a better place'. Richard.

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY IN CHURCH

November 1. All Saints and All Souls Day.

8.00am	Said Eucharist	<i>Celebrant The Rev Nigel Hinton</i>
	<i>Gospel Reading</i>	Matthew 5: 1-12 (968)
3.00pm	Afternoon Prayer	<i>Leader Grant Pyner</i>

Sunday November 1 – This service of **Afternoon Prayer** at 3.00pm in church will be led by Grant Pyner. The reading will be from Hebrews 11. There will be time for prayer, and also a time to hear from and think about the Word of God. During the service there will be two hymns and a psalm. Afterwards there will be some rousing music by Mendelssohn. Grant.

Zoom Services - Zoom services will continue to be held at 10.00am on Sundays, Compline service on Wednesdays at 8.00pm, and on other occasions.

Collect for All Saints' Day – O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY IN CHURCH

November 8. Third before Advent. Remembrance Sunday.

10.50am	Service for Remembrance Sunday	<i>Leader Richard Holroyd</i>
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Note:- Attendance limited to wreath bearers, Singing Group and a few others.

OTHER INFORMATION

COVID-19 – QR code for Track and Trace: The Diocese requires all places of worship, already collecting visitor details, to also display the **NHS QR code** posters for visitors & church members using the new **NHS Covid-19 app**. St Peter & St Paul Church now has our unique **QR code poster** which may be found on the

entrance table just inside the Miller Room. Smartphone users with the app can simply scan the poster to 'check-in' for test and trace purposes.

We will continue to use a paper sign-in record, ensuring that we have the information necessary for Track and Trace.

The Church continues to be alive. Distancing from each other continues to be government advice and to prevent the spread of infection to save lives. Our worship of God and our care for each other continue. The vicar/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."

Based on the advice given by the Diocese the Churchwardens are allowing limited opening of St Peter & St Paul for individual entry, private prayer & services as follows, or as indicated here in this pewsheet, please note new day & time changes:-

- **Wednesdays 4.00pm to 5.00pm** -- Church representative will be present.
- **Fridays 10.00am to 11.00am** - Church representative will be present.
- **Sundays 8.00am to 9.30am** – Morning Prayer / Said Eucharist at 8.00am.
- **Sundays 2.30pm to 4.00pm** - Afternoon Prayer, Breathe or Said Eucharist at 3.00pm. Church representative will be present.

You are very welcome, but we ask you please, for your safety and others, follow the rules. The Church of England has made it mandatory for the wearing of a face covering during your time in the church. Do not visit the church if you have symptoms of the virus high temperature, persistent cough and loss of taste and smell. If you develop symptoms after your visit let the churchwardens know immediately. A record will be kept of people visiting along with times and dates.

The Diocesan Coronavirus Task Group issued the following information on Friday October 2:-

Numbers at services following Government advice will be:-

- *Weddings* are limited to 15 people and that number does not include the priest or staff in attendance. Renewal of wedding vows is limited by the rule of six.
- *Funerals* are limited to 30 people and that number includes the priest.
- *Baptisms* are governed by the rule of six, although in this instance the six does not include the priest. If part of the main service, then the numbers are not limited.

Christmas:-

- The Church of England Recovery Group is working on guidelines concerning services Christmas. Bishop Christopher has asked the Diocesan Liturgical Group to put together materials for Christmas considering that the services will follow Coronavirus legislation.

- In addition, the Children and Young People's Team are also working on Christmas materials for our young people.

Dates for in-church Said Eucharist service at Lingfield – November 8 at 3.00pm & November 29 at 3.00pm. At St John's November 15 at 4.00pm & November 22 at 8.00am.

Welcare - The regular **Toy Choosing Sessions** cannot be held this year but they would welcome money or vouchers to support the families they serve. Please contact Gill Williams, gillwilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk, 01342 833994 about donations who will make sure they reach Welcare. Gill.

Macmillan Cancer Support – Mike Ellis has completed his 'go Sober this October', by giving up alcohol for 31 days in order to and raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support through <http://www.gosober.org.uk/users/michael-ellis-3>. On Wednesday October 28, Michael has raised £1,260. Thank you to everyone who has helped. Sue.

Shoe Box appeal – Sue and Gill are organising the Christmas gifts shoe box for children in Eastern Europe to include toys, chocolate, hats, gloves, scarves. We have supported this scheme over recent years. Details from Gill Williams 833994, gillwilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk. Sue Joy who lives near Lingfield Church will accept deliveries or collect your gifts, including shoe boxes too please. Sue at 835190 SusanJoy471@hotmail.com. All donations in by November 6 please.

Fairtrade Lingfield and Dormansland - This year Christmas pudding kits are being provided for you to make your Fairtrade puds. at home at £10 each. Containing everything needed EXCEPT eggs, alcohol/fruit juice for soaking the fruit and your own prepared bowl. A recipe and instructions leaflet are included with the kit. There is a "YouTube" demonstration for people who want to cook along with us on **Stir up Sunday November 22**. Kits will be delivered free of charge to local areas along with orders for other Fairtrade food and goods. Order by **November 7** for delivery on Friday November 20. Further details and booking: gillwilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk, 01342 833994.

The Sick - Please pray for Brian Bell, Pam Marks, Keith Smith and all whose names have been placed on the prayer board.

Rest in Peace - We remember Reg Skinner, Dean Govier and all those who have died recently. We recall all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.

Reg Skinner - There will a funeral service in church on Monday November 2 at 1.00pm. The Rev Nigel Hinton will officiate. Please note maximum of 30 persons.

Dean Govier – We are sorry to report the passing of Dean Govier on Wednesday October 21 after a long period of illness. The funeral service will be at St John's, details will be available soon.

Notices for inclusion in the pewsheets for Sunday November 8 should be phoned to Peter Beynon (834858, or email plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk) not later than preceding Thursday please.