

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

www.lingfieldparishchurch.org

Follow St Peter & St Paul Church on Twitter: @LingfieldChurch

Vicar - In Vacancy

The Parish Office will not be manned, however phone and email contacts are live. Friday 8.30am-4.30pm. Contact Hilary Weston at 01342 832021 or officelingfieldppchurch@gmail.com.

Notices for the week commencing Sunday August 2, 2020.

The Church of England has issued the following recommendation:

We strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship, including ministers, worshippers, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors, where there may be other people present; remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID-19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.



The compassion of Jesus can reach out to others through our willingness to give and share.

Imagine you are Jesus. You have just heard that John the Baptist has been savagely killed. You need time to be by yourself so you go to a deserted place to be quiet, to think and to pray. What do you think when a great crowd of people catch up with you wanting answers and in some cases healing.

Many of us, faced with such a situation, would tell the people to go, leave me alone, I need some time to myself. Not with Jesus, though. He recognised that the people who had followed him were tired after a long walk and hungry. He had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. He then asked his disciples to share all the food they had with the people who numbered about 5000.

When I hear this I think back to my visit to the Sea of Galilee 25 years ago where I walked near to where this took place. Also to the re-enactment during an open air performance of 'The Life of Christ' at Wintershall, near Guildford.

This time, though, I recalled a service in Iona Abbey on a stormy October evening. The walk to the abbey from the cottage I was staying in was quite a battle against the wind and the rain. The service was wonderful as usual and at the end, as we left, we were each asked to take a piece of bread from a basket and share it with someone we did not know over coffee. That simple act was quite profound and suddenly everyone was talking to strangers and sharing their own experiences. I felt uplifted and from memory I am sure the storm had ended in time for my walk back to the cottage. Richard.

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY IN CHURCH

August 2. Eighth Sunday after Trinity.

8.00am

Morning Prayer *

Leader Richard Holroyd

Readings: Psalm 17: 1-7, 16 (550)

Matthew 14: 13-21 (981)

Note * - This service will use the Book of Common Worship, copies are available for use at the back of the church. Please take your copy home and bring it with you for each Sunday for the foreseeable future, avoid sharing. Follow current Government Covid-19 advice as indicated below.

Private Prayer Open Day – Each Sunday our Churchwardens are opening the church from 8.00am to 2.00pm commencing with led Morning Prayer then for private prayer. Members of the Parochial Church Council (**PCC**) (when available) will be in attendance on a shift basis throughout to welcome you and ensure the supervision of hand sanitising, social distancing, etc. and noting who enters, as we are required to do under present permissions.

Zoom Services - Although services in our church are limited to the 8.00am Sunday Morning Prayer at present, on-line Zoom services will continue to be held at 10.00am on Sundays, at 8.00pm Compline service on Wednesdays, and on other occasions. Joining details from the Churchwardens, see their contacts under the Covid-19 explanations below.

Sunday August 2 – Nigel will be having a well-earned rest, so Seb is leading the Zoom service at 10.00am this day.

Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity – Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY IN CHURCH

August 9. Ninth Sunday after Trinity.

8.00am Morning Prayer * *Leader Richard Holroyd*

Readings: Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b (607) Matthew 14: 22-33 (981)

Note * - This service will use the Book of Common Worship, copies are available for use at the back of the church. Please take your copy home and bring it with you for each Sunday for the foreseeable future, avoid sharing. Follow current Government Covid-19 advice as indicated below.

3.00pm Afternoon Prayer *Leader Grant Pyner*

Sunday August 9 – This service of **Afternoon Prayer** at 3.00pm in church will be led by Grant Pyner and will have music, but no singing. The structure of the service is defined by the Church of England. Books are not required, unless you would like to bring your own copy of the bible. All necessary words will be displayed on the screen. Please use this opportunity to come together as the church family of St Peter and St Paul Lingfield to worship our Lord. It is intended that this service will be held every two weeks.

OTHER INFORMATION

COVID-19 - The Diocese has updated their advice (July 24) see <https://southwark.anglican.org/news/press-releases/2020/bulletin-no.19-friday-24-july>. 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 Diocese website contains details of how to join others online for prayer, worship, study, and community life. 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 and private prayer as follows:-

- **Mondays 4.00pm to 5.00pm** -- Church representative will be present.
- **Wednesdays 4.00pm to 5.00pm** -- Church representative will be present.
- **Sundays 8.00am to 2.00pm** – Morning prayer at 8.00am. Church representative will be present.

You are very welcome but we ask you please, for your safety and others, use the sanitisers, read the notices, follow the signage and take notice of the advice/guidance of the church representative. Please bring and wear a face covering during your time in the church as strongly advised by the Church of England. 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.

Church Giving – Our regular cash giving at service collections will obviously not take place whilst the church is closed. However, our costs (for running our church) continue at the same rate. Will you please collect your filled envelopes and save carefully until we recommence our services.

Financial plea from our churchwardens - Dear Friends, since the church was closed at the start of the lockdown the church's income has dropped considerably with no collections, wall safe donations, funeral and wedding fees. Our Treasurer forecasts a serious deficit for 2020. On top of this the value of our reserves has diminished. We are conscious that many of you give most generously, but in view of this worrying position, please consider increasing your contribution. Some of you, who are able, may be willing to make a one-off exceptional donation, gift aided, to help cover the shortfall. If you can, please make your payment direct to the church bank account, if you are sending cheques to Richard Holroyd could you make them payable to the church. The full title of the church bank account is **Lingfield PCC Collegiate Church St Peter & St Paul**, c/o Lloyds Bank, East Grinstead - sort code **30-92-92** account number **00462202**.

The Treasurer reports that this appeal has yielded an encouraging response, but the request is still valid.

Website - You may also denote through www.lingfieldparishchurch.org, - go to 'About us', then 'Donate' and 'Here'. Thank you.

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

Rest in Peace - We remember all those who have died recently. We recall Nicole Mitchell, Joan Wilson, Ivy Lloyd, Pat Dobson and all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.

Notices for inclusion in the pewsheets for Sunday August 9 should be phoned to Peter Beynon (834858, or email plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk) not later than preceding Thursday please.