

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

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Vicar - The Revd Ian Whitely 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 January 3, 2021.

Tier 4 changes - Owing to the Government requirements that Surrey is now placed in Tier 4 restrictions and due to the vulnerability of our staff and congregation, the Churchwardens have very reluctantly decided to suspend in-church services for the foreseeable future. However, the church will be open for private prayer and those wishing to pay a visit. To welcome you the open sessions will be supervised by a PCC member, or other. Will you please look at your emails on a regular basis, because the Churchwardens are issuing additional open sessions, wherever possible.



2020 comes to an end

As one of the most challenging years of our lifetime comes to an end, let's focus our thoughts on the positive outcomes. Had any of us heard of Zoom before March? Each week around 80 people from our two parishes have met through this medium for common worship. We have made new friends and been blessed by some wonderful sermons from Nigel and many brilliant intercessions from some very talented people. We have seen such wonderful examples of community support

from people shopping for the vulnerable to the adaptations made to enable Meals on Wheels to continue.

We were blessed with a glorious summer, enjoyed walks in the countryside, read more books and realised the benefits of shopping locally. Neighbours got to know each other better while clapping for the NHS and ringing bells for the lonely.

Despite the constraints of lockdown we managed to find a wonderful new Vicar in Ian Whitley. With Ian and Nigel working together with many committed lay people we can be sure that God's mission for us in Lingfield and Dormansland will be in good hands.

For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29.11). Richard.

Appointment of Vicar - We are pleased to announce that **The Reverend Ian Whitley**, presently Curate at All Saints, Banstead in the Diocese of Guildford, has been appointed **Vicar of Lingfield and Dormansland (United Benefice)**. It has been confirmed he will be instituted by The Rt Revd Jonathan Clark, Bishop of Croydon and inducted by The Venerable Moira Astin, Archdeacon of Reigate. The service will take place at **St Peter & St Paul on Tuesday February 23 at 7.30pm**.

From the All Saints' website - *Ian joined in July 2017 as our new Pioneer Assistant Curate. He previously worked for four years as a Lay Parish Missioner at a Church in Weston Green, Esher after 30 years in the Metropolitan Police. He is married to Kat and they have a son Oscar and a Bullador puppy called Oreo. Ian's interests include rugby and cricket (sadly just watching these days!) and he loves cooking, a good pint of real ale and is always looking for opportunities to practice either.*

IN-CHURCH SERVICES SUSPENDED

January 3. Epiphany.

10.00am

Service on Zoom, see links given by email.

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

Isaiah 60: 1-6 (746)

Ephesians 3: 1-12 (1174)

Matthew 2: 1-12 (966)

Collect for Epiphany - O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.

Communal Services held on Zoom – 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, 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.

St Peter & St Paul will be open for individual entry and private prayer, as follows:-

- Sunday Jan 3 1.30 to 3.00pm - Church representative will be present.
- Monday Jan 4 10.00 to 12.00am - Church representative will be present.
- Wednesday Jan 6 2.00 to 4.00pm - Church representative will be present.
- Friday Jan 8 10.00 to 12.00am - Church representative will be present.
- Sunday Jan 10 1.30 to 3.00pm -- Church representative will be present.

Wednesday piano playing – In church on Wednesdays from 3.30pm a young pianist called Eveshka will be working some magic on our grand piano. He has limited facilities elsewhere to practice and is being encouraged by Sue Ellis and Ian Whitley, our new vicar. Eveshka is of concert standard ability and we hope to persuade him to play to a church audience later in the year, probably when it is a bit warmer. Apologies to late comers on Wednesdays who wanted peace and quiet, but hopefully you will find the music uplifting.

Covid Stories, light relief in dark days.

Canada; the finance minister of Ontario took a Caribbean holiday over Christmas while urging people to stay at home. While abroad his official Twitter account praised Ontarian's sacrifices with a video on Christmas Eve showing him sitting by a fire and thanking people for protecting the vulnerable. He faces public anger on his return and two weeks quarantine, probably extended to the end of his political career.

UK; As of December 20 it is reported that the NHS had administered 616,933 anti-coronavirus vaccines to qualifying people. In Germany the equivalent figure was 18,000, in France 'a few dozen'. Letters please to the EU at Brussels, the city, not sprouts, there is a difference.

The Sick - Please pray for Brian Bell, Pam Marks, Keith Smith, Sue Page, Jenny Holroyd, Alison Penny, Hilary Weston, Joan Harvey, Peter Francis and all whose names have been placed on the prayer board.

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

Notices for inclusion in the pewsheet for Sunday January 10 should be phoned to Peter Beynon (834858, or email plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk) not later than preceding Thursday please.