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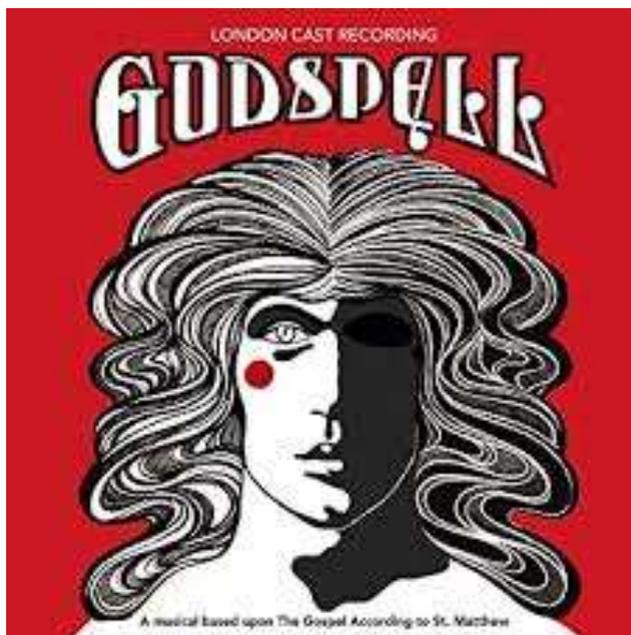
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Vicar - The Revd Ian Whitely has been appointed. Not yet in residence.

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

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday December 6, 2020.



Advent 2: Prepare the way of the Lord

Way back in 1971 I went with Tom Moffatt, who some of you will know was a former Vicar of Dormansland, to a performance of Godspell at the Roundhouse, Swiss Cottage. The first song was 'Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord' sung by David Essex, playing the part of John the Baptist. I found it very moving to hear the words of scripture sung by so many young people in a contemporary context. The old Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey, was in the audience that day and I was so pleased when he joined the cast on the stage at the end of the performance. I felt by doing so he was giving his approval.

Now we can have public worship in church again we have great opportunities to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus, starting this Sunday with Eucharist at 8.00am

and Afternoon Prayer at 3.00pm. In addition, we have a lovely child friendly Christingle service on Zoom at 10.00am and the church will be open for private prayer from 1.30 to 3.00pm.

“It is written in Isaiah the prophet: I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way. A voice of one calling in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight paths for him.” 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.*

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

December 6. Second Sunday of Advent.

8.00am	Said Eucharist	<i>The Revd Nigel Hinton.</i>
1.30-3.00pm	Church open for private prayer.	
3.00pm	Afternoon Prayer	Grant Pyner

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. This Zoom service at 10.00am will have a Christingle theme, contact Suebellis@outlook.com for the service sheet.

Collect for the second Sunday of Advent – BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

December 13. Third Sunday of Advent.

8.00am	Morning Prayer	<i>Leader Richard Holroyd</i>
<i>Readings:</i>	Psalm 126: 1-4, 8-end (623)	John 1: 6-8, 19-28 (1063)
1.30-3.00pm	Church open for private prayer.	
3.00pm	Said Eucharist	<i>Celebrant The Revd Nigel Hinton</i>

OTHER INFORMATION

Sunday December 13 – Services in church; **Morning Prayer** at 8.00am, **Said Eucharist** at 3.00pm.

Sunday December 20 - Services in church; **Morning Prayer** at 8.00am, Lessons and Carols at 3.00pm.

Thursday December 24 - We are pleased to confirm that **The Revd Kevin Scully**, Warden of St Barnabas, will be taking the 11.30pm service on Christmas Eve.

Friday December 25 – The Celebrant for the 10.00am Christmas Day Eucharist service will be **The Revd Raymond Batley** from St Barnabas. Also, a Zoom service at 10.00am will be held for those unable to attend the church service.

Crib Services – Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions on social mixing and the inability to control numbers in the church we will not be holding our extremely successful crib services for the two age groups this year. We expect that next year we will be under less onerous conditions and will be able to offer our services again.

COVID-19 – QR code for Track and Trace: please use the **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. We will continue to use a paper sign-in record, ensuring that we have the information necessary for Track and Trace.

The latest information from Southwark may be found at:- Bulletin no.31 - Friday 27 November - The Diocese of Southwark (anglican.org). 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 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.”

In addition to the in-church services detailed in the tables, St Peter & St Paul will be open for individual entry and private prayer, as follows:-

- **Mondays 10.00 to 12.00am** - Church representative will be present
- **Wednesdays 2.00 to 4.00pm** -- Church representative will be present.
- **Fridays 10.00 to 12.00am** - Church representative will be present.
- **Sundays 1.30 to 3.30pm** - Church representative will be present.

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.

Fairtrade Lingfield and Dormansland made up and distributed 51 Fairtrade @Home Christmas pudding kits in time for "Stir-Up" Sunday. Due to generous donations of the remaining non-Fairtrade ingredients and lots of willing help, we have sent a donation of £250 to Traidcraft Exchange, which works with farmers and producers to develop their products and bring them to market for a fair price. We hope to be back in church in 2021! Gill.

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus - Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

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

Rest in Peace - We remember all those who have died recently. We recall Frank Ferris, Elizabeth Smith, Lesley Jenner and all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.

Notices for inclusion in the pewsheets for Sunday December 13 should be phoned to Peter Beynon (834858, or email plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk) not later than preceding Thursday please.