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LINGFIELD PARISH CHURCH

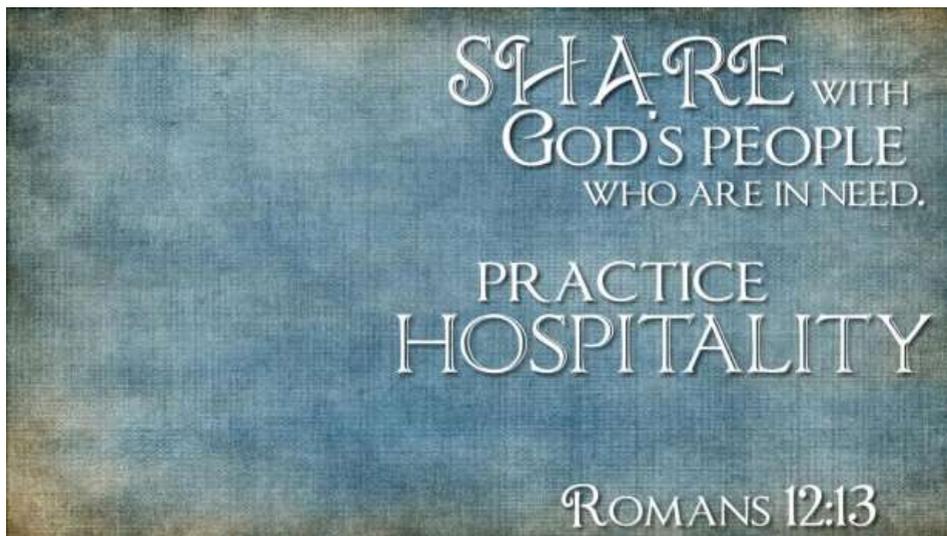
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Vicar - In Vacancy

The Parish Office will not be manned, however phone and email contacts are live. Contact 01342 832021 or officelingfieldppchurch@gmail.com.

Notices for the week commencing Sunday September 6, 2020.



A Ministry of Hospitality

I am writing this on Bank Holiday Monday and my mind went back to all the years we ran a Church rest tent at the Edenbridge and Oxted Show. It was hard work getting to the show at about 7.00am to get the water boiling and serving bacon sandwiches and cups of tea to many stallholders. Before the Holroyds and the Attwoods took it on it was run by John and Dilys Southgate. The show organisers gave us a tent free of charge and a quiet space next to St John Ambulance where we could place tables and chairs with shade from a huge oak tree. Volunteers from many churches in the Deanery helped man the tent and in addition to the food and drink provided there was the opportunity to talk to people often about the church and our faith.

On the Sunday we would have a short act of worship with visitors joining the helpers and when we could no longer provide the church tent a Deanery service was held each year before the show started. Sadly no show this year, lets hope it returns next year,

Hospitality is mentioned many times in the bible. Jesus clearly appreciated the hospitality of Mary and Martha 'Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman called Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving.' (Luke 10.38-42). Jesus showed them that both the listening and the serving were important aspects of hospitality.

As we gradually increase the worship opportunities in church may we look forward to the time we can again have our weekly pop in sessions, the Sunday Lunch Club, Messy church and hopefully some new ways of providing Christian hospitality. Richard.

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY IN CHURCH

September 6. Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.

8.00am Morning Prayer *Leader Richard Holroyd*

Readings: Psalm 149: (634) Matthew 18: 15-20 (985)

3.00pm Afternoon Prayer *Leader Grant Pyner*

Reading: Acts 19: 1-20 (1115)

Sunday September 6 – This service of **Afternoon Prayer** at 3.00pm in church will be led by Grant Pyner. The reading will be Acts 19: 1-20 (1115). The structure of the service is based upon the Church of England Common Worship for Sunday Evening Prayer. During the service there will be a Taizé chant and hymns. Grant.

Private Prayer Open Day – Each Sunday our Churchwardens are opening the church from 8.00am commencing with led Morning Prayer, then for private prayer. At 3.00pm there will be alternating fortnightly Afternoon Prayer or Breathe service. 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.

Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity – ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY IN CHURCH

September 13. Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.

8.00am Morning Prayer *Leader Richard Holroyd*

Readings: Psalm 114 (614) Matthew 18: 21-35 (985)

3.00pm Breathe *Leader Rosie Verweken*

Sunday September 20 - Nigel will be celebrating **Said Eucharist in Lingfield** at 8.00am and 3.00pm. We will need to observe social distancing so to give us an idea of expected numbers it will be helpful, but not essential to know in advance who will be coming.

OTHER INFORMATION

COVID-19 - The Diocese has updated their advice (August 6) see <https://southwark.anglican.org/news/press-releases/2020/bulletin-no.21-thursday-6-august>. 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:-

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“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 4.00pm** – Morning prayer at 8.00am. Afternoon Prayer or Breathe at 3.00pm. 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. 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.

Church Giving – Thank you all for responding to our appeal over the last few weeks about the reduced income but continued expenses our church still incurs. You have increased your giving, or made single additional payments, to the church accounts, which is very much appreciated.

Website - You may also donate 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 all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.

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