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LINGFIELD PARISH CHURCH**

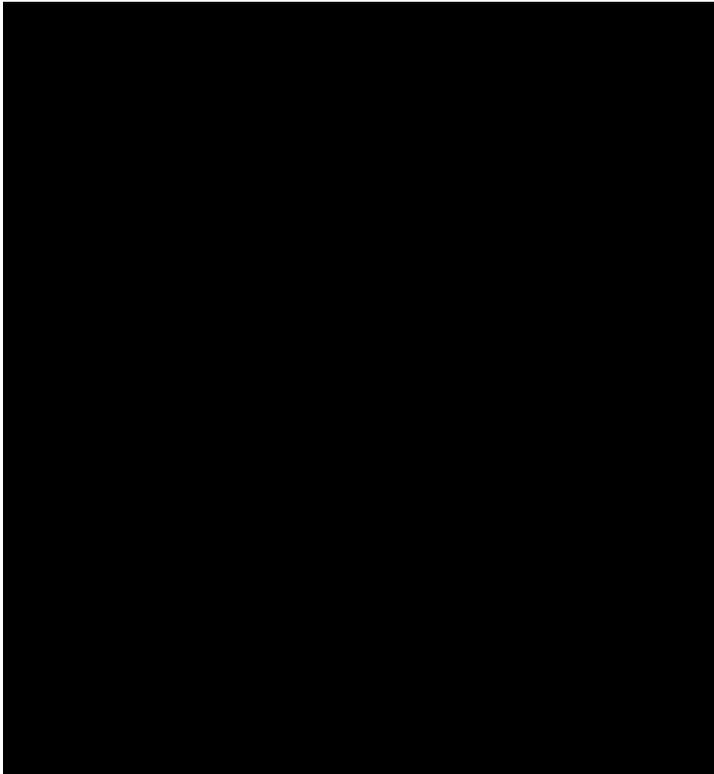
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**Vicar** - In Vacancy

**The Parish Office** will not be manned, however phone and email contacts are live. Friday 8.30am-4.30pm. Contact 01342 832021 or [officelingfieldppchurch@gmail.com](mailto:officelingfieldppchurch@gmail.com).

**Notices for the week commencing Sunday August 9, 2020.**



**Thursday August 6 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

One of the best stained glass windows in church is almost hidden, on the south wall by the organ. It illustrates that profound moment when three of Jesus' disciples, Peter, James and John, had a glimpse of Jesus in his full divine glory. This is recorded in all three synoptic gospels, such is its importance.

Just imagine what it must have been like for the three disciples. Jesus had just told them that he would suffer and die. We are told they were very tired, 'weighed down with sleep', Then they saw Jesus looking very different. His face shone like the sun and his clothes were dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. They saw Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah and then a cloud overshadowed them and they heard a voice say 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him'.

The disciples kept silent about this but some years later, Peter recalled the event: We were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory. We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

I don't know about you but whenever I have climbed a mountain or big hill I feel closer to God.

Think of those times in our lives when our faith has shone like the sun, our own transfiguration experiences. Hold on to those as they can help us through any difficult times we face. Richard.

Saturday August 8 - Yesterday at 2.00pm was the marriage in church of **Debra Godfrey** and **Robert Lyall**. This was the first wedding here since permission was granted by the Church of England after the partial relaxation of lockdown, but in the presence of a limited number of witnesses. Congratulations to the happy couple.

## SERVICES THIS SUNDAY IN CHURCH

August 9. Ninth Sunday after Trinity.

8.00am	Morning Prayer	<i>Leader Richard Holroyd</i>
<i>Readings:</i>	Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b (607)	Matthew 14: 22-33 (981)
3.00pm	Afternoon Prayer	<i>Leader Grant Pyner</i>
	<i>Reading</i>	Acts 14: 8-20 (1109)

Sunday August 9 – This service of **Afternoon Prayer** at 3.00pm in church will be led by Grant Pyner. The reading will be Acts 14: 8-20 (1109). The structure of the service is defined by the Church of England. Thanks for the feedback from the last service, this time there will be more music, including a song, the Magnificat, and a well-known hymn. The temptation will be to join in with the singing, however, that's banned. So, self-control required please! Grant.

**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.

**Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity** – Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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. **Amen.**

## NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY IN CHURCH

August 16. Tenth Sunday after Trinity.

8.00am

Morning Prayer

Leader Richard Holroyd

Readings:

Psalm 133 (625)

Matthew 15: 21-28 (982)

## 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](mailto:beachhutbooks@btinternet.com).

Sue Ellis - 01342 870261, [Suebellis@outlook.com](mailto: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. From August 8 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 Church of England** has issued the following statement:

*In England, face coverings are currently required by law to be worn in shops, supermarkets, indoor transport hubs, indoor shopping centres, banks, building societies, post offices and on public transport.*

*From August 8, face coverings are also required by law to be worn in a greater number of public indoor settings including places of worship, museums, galleries, cinemas and public libraries.*

*It should be remembered 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.*

**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](http://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 Dorothy (Dink) Rhodes, Grace Lancashire and all those who have died recently. We recall Margaret Wood, Nicole Mitchell, Charity Smith and all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.

Notices for inclusion in the pewsheet for Sunday August 16 should be phoned to Peter Beynon (834858, or email [plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk)) not later than preceding Thursday please.