

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

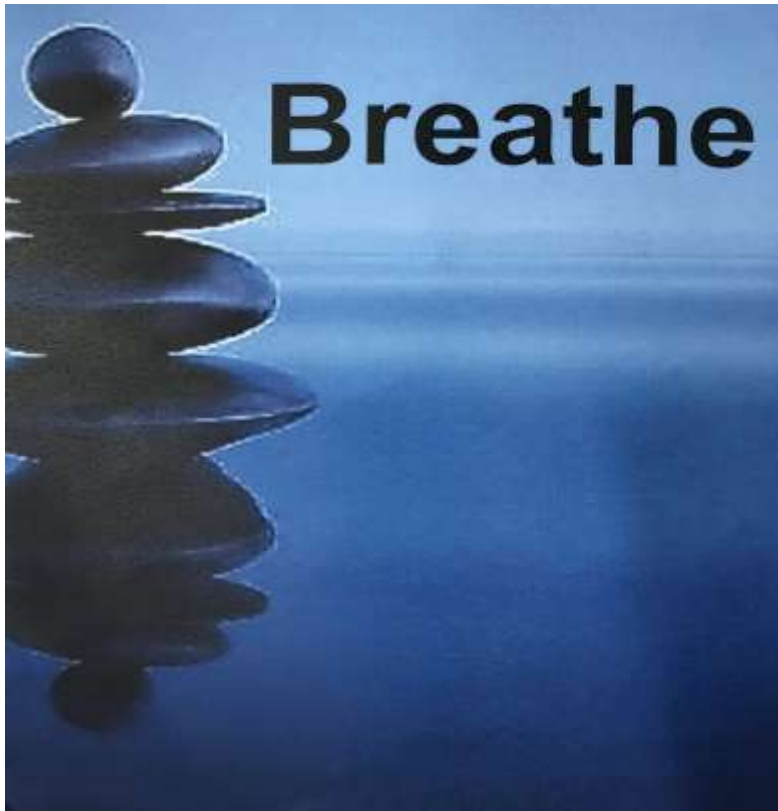
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Vicar - In Vacancy

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.

Notices for the week commencing Sunday August 16, 2020.



Breathe is back – Sunday August 16 at 3.00pm

Some of you may have attended **Breathe** during Lent in 2019, It is a valuable time for quiet prayer and contemplation in the Lady Chapel or beyond, helped by the presence of the sacrament and candles on the altar and some soft music. Even with all the limitations caused by the pandemic many of us find our lives are too busy and we find it difficult to spend quality time with our Lord.

The church I attended as a young man held an all-night vigil on Maundy Thursday and I would often sit in church alone from 1.00am to 2.00am, facing an altar adorned with candles, flowers and the sacrament. I was often tired after a hard day's work but it was a good discipline and I look back on those silent hours as times I felt close to Jesus and could pray without rushing. If words did not come that did not matter as it gave God a chance to speak to me.

In Sunday's gospel we hear of a woman keen to get to Jesus so he could heal her daughter. Her perseverance showed great faith and impressed Jesus and he answered her prayer by healing her daughter. Sometimes we feel our prayers, particularly when we are praying for a miracle, are not being answered but we must persevere with our prayers, showing Jesus we have strong faith and our prayers may then be answered, sometimes in an unexpected way.

If you have not attended **Breathe** before why not give it a try. The church is the coolest place in Lingfield during a heatwave. Breathe will be held on alternate Sundays 3.00pm to 3.45pm starting Sunday August 16. Richard.

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY IN CHURCH

August 16. Tenth Sunday after Trinity.

8.00am	Morning Prayer	<i>Leader Richard Holroyd</i>
	<i>Readings:</i> Psalm 133 (625)	Matthew 15: 21-28 (982)
3.00pm	Breathe	<i>Leader Rosie Verveckin</i>

BREATHE is back - at 3.00pm this Sunday August 16 (and every two weeks thereafter to complement and alternate with Grant's wonderful Afternoon Prayer service). Come and find respite from the anxiety and busyness of the everyday in the serenity of our beautiful church... With monstrance and candles on the Lady Chapel altar, the service commences with music both meditative and divine, and then moves to a period of silent reflection and prayer. No narrative, no sermon. Just the power of the Holy Spirit... and God-filled silence. Rosie.

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 Tenth Sunday after Trinity – LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **.Amen.**

NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY IN CHURCH

August 23. Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.

8.00am Morning Prayer *Leader Richard Holroyd*

Readings: Psalm 124 (623) Matthew 16: 13-20 (983)

3.00pm Afternoon Prayer *Leader Grant Pyner*

Reading: Acts 17: 15-end (1113)

Sunday August 23 – This service of **Afternoon Prayer** at 3.00pm in church will be led by Grant Pyner. The reading will be Acts 17: 15-end (1113). The structure of the service is defined by the Church of England. Grant.

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.
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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 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. 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 Dorothy (Dink) Pink, Grace Lancashire and all those who have died recently. We recall all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.