

**UNITED BENEFICE OF LINGFIELD &  
DORMANSLAND**

**LINGFIELD PARISH CHURCH**

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**Vicar** - The Revd Ian Whitley 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 17, 2021.**

**Additional Government restrictions** – We are under strict Government lockdown requirements. Due to the vulnerability of our staff and congregation, the Churchwardens have very reluctantly decided to continue suspension of 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. We may need to change days and timings. We are offering Sunday and mid-week services and chat sessions on-line with Zoom. Please contact the churchwardens for links and information.



**Jesus calls us to follow him; Epiphany 2**

In Sunday's gospel Jesus says to Philip 'follow me,' and he does without question. Nathanael was sitting under a fig tree, a common place for reading and meditating on the scriptures. Philip found him and told him about Jesus. Nathanael's initial response was quite sceptical, but Jesus knew that in his heart Nathanael was a good man. He said 'Here is a true Israelite in whom there is nothing false.' The fact that Jesus found him and knew him opened Nathanael's eyes and he declared 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are the King of Israel.'

This shows us that however small and insignificant we may feel we are, Jesus knows what is in our hearts. Let us learn from the example of Philip who was so full of faith that he found someone to share that with. As we sit under the fig trees of lockdown may we use the time to study the scriptures and find others to share our faith with. If each of us did that what a difference that would make. If there are any teenagers reading this, or you know of any, look out for details of a Youth Alpha course starting in a few weeks. 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**.

### **IN-CHURCH SERVICES SUSPENDED**

January 17. Second Sunday of Epiphany.

10.00am Service on Zoom, see links given by email.

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

*Readings:* 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (274) Revelation 5: 1-10 (1237)  
John 1: 43-end (1064)

**Collect for the Second Sunday of 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. Amen.

### **NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS**

### **IN-CHURCH SERVICES SUSPENDED**

January 24. Third Sunday of Epiphany.

10.00am Service on Zoom, see links given by email.

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

*Readings:* Genesis 14: 17-20 (15) Revelation 19: 6-10 (1247)  
John 2: 1-11 (1064)

**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 such as ‘Chat’ on Tuesday, 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.

## OTHER INFORMATION

**COVID-19** – Please use the **NHS Covid-19 app**. A **QR code poster** is 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. 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](mailto: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.”*

Will you please that due to the current government restrictions, effectively another lockdown, and our concern for individual vulnerabilities, the PCC have regrettably had to limit open times to the church. Next week St Peter & St Paul will be open for individual entry and private prayer, as follows:-

- Sunday Jan 17 - Church closed following the funeral on the previous Friday.
- Wednesday Jan 20 2.00 to 4.00pm - Church representative will be present.
- Sunday Jan 24 – 2.00 to 4.00pm - Church representative will be present.



**St Peter & St Paul west elevation** - Photo submitted by Gill Williams and taken from a drone. We believe there is no truth that Gill was hanging from the drone with one hand, whilst operating her camera with the other.

**Christingle collections** - I am pleased to report that the contributions for Christingle kits and donations raised £230.50 for **The Children's Society**. Thanks, to you all, says Gill Williams, Children's Society Rep.

**Wednesday piano playing** – Sorry, postponed until further notice, due to lockdown stipulations.

**Covid-19 and other stories, light relief in dark days.**

- Those of us at the top end of the age scale are now receiving our vaccine at the Tandridge Council offices, Oxted. Last Wednesday seemed to be the popular ‘start day’ for local injections, distribution to the following groups should speed up now. Mine came through by text, just respond to the link and you will be given the available slots. Select your day and time which is then confirmed by another text; all amazingly easy. You may receive a phone call or email instead; the contact process seems to vary.
- Jane Bramwell writes from Saltdean – I made Mount Vesuvius out of Lego complete with lava for my six-year-old granddaughter. We made it erupt and learnt about Pompeii. It was sheer joy to see her so engaged and would never have happened had she been in school. Small mercies. The carpet had to be changed as it was impossible to remove the lava once hardened.

**Security of our church building** - During this sad period of lockdown when our church is closed and we cannot enter for our services and communicate with each other, we need to be sure everything is safe and secure. If you are out and about for your daily exercise, please walk through the churchyard and around the paths. Observe and report any unusual activity, any open doors/windows, or noises. Report to the police or churchwardens immediately, there should be no work going on at the present time on the building structure.

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

**Rest in Peace** - We remember all those who have died recently. We recall Ann Gray, Jeanette Irish, Danny Carey, Lesley Ives and all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.

Notices for inclusion in the pewsheets for Sunday January 24 should be phoned to Peter Beynon (834858, or email [plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk)) not later than preceding Thursday please.