

**UNITED BENEFICE OF LINGFIELD &  
DORMANSLAND**

**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](mailto:officelingfieldppchurch@gmail.com).

**Notices for the week commencing Sunday September 20, 2020.**



**The Eucharist is back! Do this in remembrance of me.**

This Sunday we welcome back the Eucharist after nearly six months. The Eucharist is at the heart of Christian worship and we have missed it. It is celebrated by Christians around the world as a memorial of the death and resurrection of Jesus, in response to his words at the final meal he shared with his disciples. In the Eucharist God invites us to his table as a foretaste of the heavenly banquet which he has prepared for people of all natures and cultures.

We could look back on the 'in-between' time of the last six months as a period of fasting, and the return to the Eucharist may be a more profound action where we recognise the full significance of what we are doing. Perhaps many of us had been guilty of taking communion as a routine act of habit.

Here is what it means to one person who used to see Communion as rather mundane:

*'I love it that in this simple ritual we celebrate the whole biblical story. Here we affirm the goodness of creation (grain, water and grapes) and of the human work that transforms it into bread and wine; here we acknowledge our sins and our need for forgiveness; here in this modified Passover meal we recall God's way with his people and the exodus from slavery; here we celebrate the presence of Jesus with us. It invites us to affirm our present experience as good but broken and to look forward in hope to the coming kingdom of God. I love it that in one simple ritual meal we are invited to participate in an act that places us within this grand narrative. It is a ritual in which we participate in a story in which we find our identity.'*

From one of my favourite hymns: Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come.  
Richard.

## SERVICES THIS SUNDAY IN CHURCH

September 20. Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.

8.00am	Said Eucharist	<i>The Revd Nigel Hinton</i>
3.00pm	Said Eucharist	<i>The Revd Nigel Hinton</i>

Sunday September 20 - Nigel is celebrating **Said Eucharist here at Lingfield** at 8.00am and 3.00pm. We will need to observe social distancing please.

**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 at 8.00pm on Wednesdays, and on other occasions. Joining details from the Churchwardens, see their contacts under the Covid-19 explanations below.

**Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.** KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY IN CHURCH

September 27. Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.

8.00am	Morning Prayer	<i>Leader Richard Holroyd</i>
	<i>Readings:</i> Psalm 78, 1-4, 12-16 (589)	Matthew 21: 23-32 (989)
3.00pm	Breathe	<i>Leader Rosie Verweken</i>

Sunday October 4 - **Harvest Festival**. This year the festival will be during the 10.00am service on Zoom. As in previous years we invite donations of food and toiletries for Crawley Open House, but this year, not clothing. They may be brought to church at any time the church is open: Sundays 8am - 4pm, Mondays 4-5pm, Wednesdays 4-5pm.

### OTHER INFORMATION

**COVID-19** – The latest advice from the Diocese is dated Wednesday September 9 see <https://southwark.anglican.org/news/press-releases/2020/bulletin-no.23-wednesday-9-september>. 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 or as indicated here in this pewsheet:-

- **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. On some Sundays we may offer a Said Eucharist service, please see this pewsheet or emails.

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.

**Southwark Diocese Annual Meetings & Elections** - Timescale for parishes to choose churchwardens and for APCMs to be held (and the business transacted there including the election of laity to the Deanery Synod) extended to 31 May 2021. Bulletin No.23 - 9 September 2020 (Parish meetings guidance note and instrument). See [https://southwark.anglican.org/downloads/resources/apcm/Parish\\_meetings\\_Instrument\\_09.09.20.pdf](https://southwark.anglican.org/downloads/resources/apcm/Parish_meetings_Instrument_09.09.20.pdf)

**Children's Society** note - **The Children's Society** have now been in touch to encourage Box Co-ordinators to arrange for the annual box emptying and banking the proceeds. I am sure these donations are needed more than ever this year.

So, I am circulating this message in the hope that you will let me know whether you can deliver your box to 5 College Close, RH7 6HG. The house is up a steep drive at the extreme right-hand corner of the Close and not really visible from the road. We are around in the next week or so. Alternatively, I would be happy to collect from you, by arrangement.

If you come here it would be nice to have a catch-up chat in the garden, weather permitting. My phone number is 833994. Once I have collected in most of the money Jenny Holroyd has kindly agreed to help with counting it. Gill Williams.

**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](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 all those who have died recently. We recall all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.