

**UNITED BENEFICE OF LINGFIELD &
DORMANSLAND**

LINGFIELD PARISH CHURCH

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Priest in charge - The Revd. Ian Whitley.

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday February 21, 2021.

On behalf of the Churchwardens and congregations of both churches, we all wish Ian, Kat and Oscar a very warm welcome to Lingfield as Ian commences his duties this week as Priest-in-charge of the United Benefice of St Peter and St Paul, Lingfield, and St John, Dormansland. Just a brief background: - *Ian comes to us from All Saints' Banstead, prior he worked for four years as a Lay Parish Missioner at a Church in Weston Green, Esher after 30 years in the Metropolitan Police. He is married to Kat and they have a son Oscar and a Bullador puppy called Oreo. Ian's interests include rugby and cricket (sadly just watching these days!) and he loves cooking, a good pint of real ale and is always looking for opportunities to practice either.*



Lent 1 - I write this as we plan to start Lent with a Zoom service on Ash Wednesday using a lovely liturgy from the Iona Community. It includes this confession which is so honest and challenging:

We may not trample the poor but sometimes we walk straight past them. We don't receive bribes but we are more privileged than many around us. We trust more in ourselves than you and spend far too much time patting ourselves on the back rather than holding out a hand to others.

Lent is a good time to examine ourselves and accompany Jesus to Jerusalem, strengthened by his example of fasting and prayer in the midst of serving and caring for others.

As we look forward to a Holy Lent let us also celebrate the wonderful children in our church family and their parents. They have had a hard time during the lockdown with the challenges of home schooling and lack of entertainment opportunities. They still find time to inspire us, like Elspeth in the above photo, demonstrating the story of Elijah and Elisha. Richard.

IN-CHURCH SERVICES SUSPENDED

February 21. First Sunday of Lent.

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

Nigel will lead, see links by email.

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

Readings: Genesis 9: 8-17 (10) 1 Peter 3: 18-end (1219)

Mark 1: 9-15 (1002)

Collect for the First Sunday of Lent – O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Tuesday February 23 - Licensing of our Vicar - **The Reverend Ian Whitley** has been appointed Vicar of Lingfield and Dormansland (United Benefice) and will be Licensed, as Priest-in-Charge by The Rt Revd. Jonathan Clark, Bishop of Croydon, at 7.30pm. The service will be transmitted on-line by Zoom, for which the Diocese office has issued the link. This has also been sent out to the usual distribution list of members in both parishes. The Institution and Induction process as Vicar cannot be held other than live in our church, so will take place later in the year, when open public services are again permitted.

Prayer Support for Ian, Kat & Oscar Whitley – Already distributed but repeated here is the remaining part of the 40-day programme of prayer to support Ian and his family as they prepare to join us here in Lingfield and Dormansland, listed suggestions for each day are shown. The 40th day will be Ian's Licensing (Induction at later date).

Day **38**; Feb. 21 – Psalm 38: 21-22 – For a close walk with God in all situations.
(Lent 1)

Day **39**; Feb. 22 – Psalm 39: 4-5 – For God's blessing & protection on Ian, Kit & Oscar.

Day **40**; Feb 23 – Psalm 40: 1-3 - For God's richest blessing today & in the years ahead. **(Licensing Day)**

Communal Services held on video link – 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.

NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

IN-CHURCH SERVICES SUSPENDED

February 28. Second Sunday of Lent.

10.00am

Service on Zoom, see links given by email.

Nigel will lead, see links by email.

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

Readings:

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 (16)

Romans 4: 13-end (1131)

Mark 8: 31-end (1012)

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.

Sue Ellis - 01342 870261, 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.”

Current Government rules –The church will be open twice a week for private prayer, as follows: -

- Sunday Feb 14 – 2.00 to 4.00pm - Church representative will be present.
- Wednesday Feb 17 - 2.00 to 4.00pm - Church representative will be present.
- Sunday Feb 21 – 2.00 to 4.00pm - Church representative will be present.

Saturday February 27 - **Fairtrade Virtual Fabulous Quiz Nite** at 7.30pm on Zoom in aid of the Fairtrade Foundation, £10 per household. Book your place with Gill at gillwilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk, 01342 833994. A Fairtrade Snack Box can be delivered to your home. The Virtual Fairtrade Quiz falls in the middle of **Fairtrade Fortnight**, February 22 to March 7, in support of producers and farmers in the developing world.

East Grinstead Food Bank Easter Appeal – We are preparing 150 Easter Lunchbags to local schools to help bridge the gap that families face in the holidays without free school meals. Mainly tinned or packet food, requested please see <https://eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk>. Donations, by March 21, may be made at Sainsbury's & Waitrose at EG/Oxted. We have a large foodbank box at the front of the Jubilee Community Centre & donation points at Moatfield Surgery, Barclays Bank, Forest Row Community Centre & the Tesco Expresses in Forest Row & Lingfield. Lucy.

New seasonal event – Fairtrade **Simnel Cake kit to Bake @ Home**, an ideal Mothering Sunday gift (March 14), or an Easter treat (April 4.) The kit costs £12 and comes with full instructions -you just need to provide your own 7” cake tin, eggs and butter. It is not suitable if you have a nut allergy. Order by March 1 for delivery to your doorstep on Friday March 12. Profits to the Fairtrade Innovations Fund. gillwilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk, 01342 833994

Saturday March 6 – Lower Churchyard Working Party in action looking after our churchyard, keeping grass cut, brambles under control and all neat and tidy, but we cannot do it alone. Please consider joining us, we are social distancing (big area), even if you can only offer a few hours. A job for all abilities and a good opportunity to get some fresh air and catch-up with the local news/gossip.

The Sick - Please pray for Brian Bell, Pam Marks, Keith Smith, Sue Page, Jenny Holroyd, Alison Penny, Peter Francis, Victor Alfrey, Josie Davis, Gerald Winter and all whose names have been placed on the prayer board.

Rest in Peace - We remember Joan Harvey, Joan Wilson and all those who have died recently. We recall Sylvia Drury, Marlene Jenner, Maurice Gunning and all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.

Joan Harvey – There will be a service (family only) at the crematorium led by Seb, on Thursday March 4. There will be a memorial service in church later, when the family are permitted to travel from Canada, and we are able to enter and meet in our church again.

Joan Wilson – The funeral service will be held at the crematorium in early March.