

**UNITED BENEFICE OF LINGFIELD &  
DORMANSLAND**

**LINGFIELD PARISH CHURCH**

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**Vicar** - In Vacancy

**Parish Office** - Wednesday and Friday, 8.30am-4.30pm, contact Liz Moor Tel: 01342 832021, email: [officelingfieldppchurch@gmail.com](mailto:officelingfieldppchurch@gmail.com).

**The Parish Office** will not be manned for the next two weeks, however phone and email contacts are live.

**Notices for the week commencing Sunday March 22, 2020.**



*Peace and health be with you.*

Following the guidance of our Archbishops **services of public worship have been suspended**. Our church will remain open between 8.30am and 5.00pm and we aim to hold a private service of morning or evening prayer each day. Extra prayer resources have been placed in the Lady Chapel including an additional prayer board and votive candles.

**All are welcome within the Church, especially to pray and light candles**, but are asked to keep to the same cleanliness and safe hygiene practices we are already observing, in line with NHS guidelines. A safe distance of two metres from other people is recommended, and it is suggested that those displaying possible symptoms of COVID-19 do not enter.

If you would like to speak to a priest please contact one of the churchwardens listed on the web site contact page or ring the Parish Office, see above.

## SERVICES THIS SUNDAY SUSPENDED

March 22. Mothering Sunday. Fourth Sunday of Lent.

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

Exodus 2: 1-10 (58)    2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 (1158)    John 19: 25-27 (1088)

The figures in brackets refer to the page number in the black bibles in the pews

This Sunday is Mothering Sunday and we were planning a lovely All Age service with lots for children to be involved in. Sadly this can no longer take place but we can still worship privately. It is the middle of Lent, sometimes called Refreshment Sunday. It is a break from the routine of Lent when we stop to give thanks for our homes and loved ones, especially our mothers.

Today's readings are Exodus 2.1-10 and John 19.25-27. They are both about mothers. The mother of Moses hid him from the wicked Pharaoh who would have killed him. Even after three months when she hid him in a basket at the riverside she made sure Moses was safe. Moses, thanks to his mother, went on to be a great leader and was so important to God's plan for the world. When you are in church look at the Transfiguration window by the organ. Moses is on the upper left carrying a tablet with some of the ten commandments.

Mothers also suffer when their child suffers. When I was three I was very ill and went to hospital for an operation. I can still remember how worried my mum and dad were. Jesus' mother watched her son die on the cross – that must have been so hard for her. Jesus knew his mother loved him very much and even when he was dying on the cross he showed his love and care for her by asking his friend, John, to look after her.

So let us give thanks for our mothers and all who have taken on a mothering role for us, and for those mothers no longer with us we pray that they may be at peace in heaven.

Neve Lilyanna Spencer, aged seven, had prepared this prayer for our service: *Thank you Mums for loving us and caring for us. We all love our Mums. Amen*, and a prayer from Elspeth Ely, also 7, with help from Greta: *Dear God, thank you for all the mummies, grandmas, Godmothers and carers who look after us, keep us safe, love us and make us smile. Please look after them as they look after us.*

May God bless us all.

## NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

### SERVICES NEXT WEEK SUSPENDED

March 29. Passiontide begins. Fifth Sunday of Lent.

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

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (868)      Romans 8: 6-11 (1134)      John 11: 1-45 (1077)

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Wednesdays until April 8 - ~~**Breathe**~~ Find respite from the noise and the freneticism of the everyday in the serenity of the Lady Chapel. ~~**Breathe**~~ resumes this Lent, from 6:15pm to 7:00pm. No narrative, no sermon. Just candles, meditative music... and God-filled silence. Come and be. **Under review.**

Saturday March 28 - ~~East Grinstead Choral Society Music for Passiontide concert at St Peter & St Paul, - Cancelled.~~

Saturday April 4 - 'The Art of the Guitar; Virtuoso Classics' with **Mark Jennings** at St John's Church, Dormansland 7.00pm. Featuring music by Bach, Albeniz, Tarrega and Rodrigo. Tickets £12 from 01342 870681, or at the door.

Tuesday April 7 - ~~Ladies group the 'Holy Spirits' get together. Cancelled.~~

Monday April 13 - ~~Messy Church from 3.30-5.30pm. Cancelled.~~

Saturday May 16 - **Anna Chaplaincy Workshop** at St Peter and St Paul, 10.00am-4.00pm. 9.30am coffee and registration. An interactive and creative event led by the BRF Anna Chaplaincy team addressing the different aspects facing churches reaching out to an older population. Some key areas to be covered are: *What is distinctive about the spirituality of ageing? Running a Messy Vintage session. Reaching out to those living with dementia.* Cost £15.00 to cover fees and cost of trainer. Aimed at church representatives but others very welcome too. Contact Sue Ellis to book a place [Sue@bidbury.com](mailto:Sue@bidbury.com); or call 01342 870261. See <https://www.annachaplaincy.org.uk/>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday April 4 - At St John's classical guitar concert at 7.00pm.

Monday April 6 - ~~Messy Church at 3.30pm. Cancelled.~~

Saturday May 16 - Anna Chaplaincy Workshop at 10.00am. 9.30am registration.

Saturday June 6 - ~~Church Fete. Cancelled~~

Friday June 12 - St Barnabas Festival Evensong at Southwark Cathedral.

Saturday November 28 - Wreath-making demonstration & course.

## OTHER INFORMATION, ALSO SEE NOTICE BOARD

**Lingfield Coronavirus Help Group** - Volunteers have created a group on Facebook and are planning to distribute leaflets to elderly people offering help with shopping etc. if self-isolation is imposed on the over-70s. Anyone in Lingfield & Dormansland can apply to join the group either as a volunteer or just to see what is being offered.

**East Grinstead Food Bank** – Appeal for tinned anything and non-perishable foods for our **Easter Lunchbags** for low-income families in order to provide lunches in the holidays for children who usually get free school meals or whose families are currently struggling financially. At this time of year, they will also contain small / mini eggs and an Easter message and are always greatly appreciated by the schools and families. The lunch bags are being packed and sent out to most local schools on **Friday March 27**. Please arrange delivery to our office by the 25<sup>th</sup>. Lucy.

**New Miller Room Chairs, tables and carpet** – Our grateful thanks to an anonymous donors who have provided the funds for the new red chairs, tables tops and carpets in the Miller Room – a major and bright improvement. We expect visitors will feel a real welcome in our precious church.

**The College of St Barnabas 125 years anniversary** - Mike Herbert, Fundraising Manager St Barnabas, has pledged to walk 125 miles of the Wealdway in recognition of the College's foundation 125 years ago. Will you sponsor him? If so please visit his webpage <https://www.justgiving.com/Mike-Herbert2> where you will also find more information about the walk. There are brief details on Wikipedia <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wealdway>. All donations go straight to the College, Gift Aid is reclaimed automatically, if you are a UK taxpayer. Gill.

**Card Reader** - If you wish to make electronic donations to our church, we have a credit / debit card reader available, please see the churchwardens before you leave.

**Gift Aid** - Your donations for the service collections, and other contributions, are gratefully received and essential for this church, please use the pink **Gift Aid** envelopes available in the pew boxes or ask one of the staff for assistance. Donating through **Gift Aid** means we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra. We also have Standing Order Mandate forms for completion, if you prefer to pay that way. Thank you.

**The Sick** - Please pray for Brian Bell, Jean and Derek Lee and all whose names have been placed on the prayer board.

**Rest in Peace** - We remember Ian Dobson, Robin Rispin and all those who have died recently. We recall Bob Charlton, Ana Talberg (nee Siddal) and all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.

**Ian Dobson** - Details of the location and date of the funeral service will be made available soon.

Notices for inclusion in the pewsheets for Sunday March 29 should be phoned to Peter Beynon (834858, or email [plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk)) not later than preceding Thursday please.