

**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. Friday 8.30am-4.30pm. Contact 01342 832021 or officelingfieldppchurch@gmail.com.

Notices for the week commencing Sunday August 23, 2020.



Trinity 11 - A Question of Identity.

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus asks his disciples who people say he is. They give him various names. "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Jesus then said "But who do you say I am." Peter answered "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." He knew the true identity of Jesus and Jesus recognised that Peter's understanding of the truth came from God the Father.

Identity is important and I am sure that most people reading this will claim to be disciples of Christ. Think about this when you describe yourself to others. Do you say "I am a retired teacher, or a mother of three children, or I am a keen Arsenal supporter," How often do we say "I am a Christian." This may just lead to a good discussion about faith. So many people are searching for something to fill a hole in their lives and so much better to have it filled with faith than some of the other alternatives. We have a Christian duty to help others find Jesus. We can suggest joining an Alpha course, offer a suitable book to read, perhaps a DVD like the Bible Course. We can invite people to sample the variety of worship we have in church and online via Zoom. The true identity of Jesus really is good news that deserves to be shared. Richard.

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY IN CHURCH

August 23. Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.

8.00am	Morning Prayer	<i>Leader Richard Holroyd</i>
	<i>Readings:</i> Psalm 124 (623)	Matthew 16: 13-20 (983)
3.00pm	Afternoon Prayer	<i>Leader Grant Pyner</i>
	<i>Reading:</i> 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. David Lane will be playing the organ before the service and the piano afterwards - it will fill the church with music. During the service there will be a song, the Nunc Dimittis and a hymn. Grant.

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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity – O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY IN CHURCH

August 30. Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.

8.00am	Morning Prayer	<i>Leader Richard Holroyd</i>
	<i>Readings:</i> Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45b (607)	Matthew 16: 21-end (984)
3.00pm	Breathe	<i>Leader Rosie Vervecken</i>
	<i>Reading:</i> Acts 17: 15-end (1113)	

Sunday August 30 – **BREATHE** at 3.00pm (and every two weeks thereafter to complement and alternate with Grant’s 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.

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.

Message from Joy about David Maitland - He has finished treatment and would like to thank everyone, it has certainly been a great comfort knowing so many were praying for us

During these difficult months he has to still isolate till end of month and then over 2 months gradually get back to some normality. If at any time anyone wishes to hear about his journey with God it started 10 years ago with Steven and Dilys and since then God has sent him many comforting signs which helped him get through difficult times he us happy to share them. Joy.

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) Rhodes and all those who have died recently. We recall all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.