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LINGFIELD PARISH CHURCH**

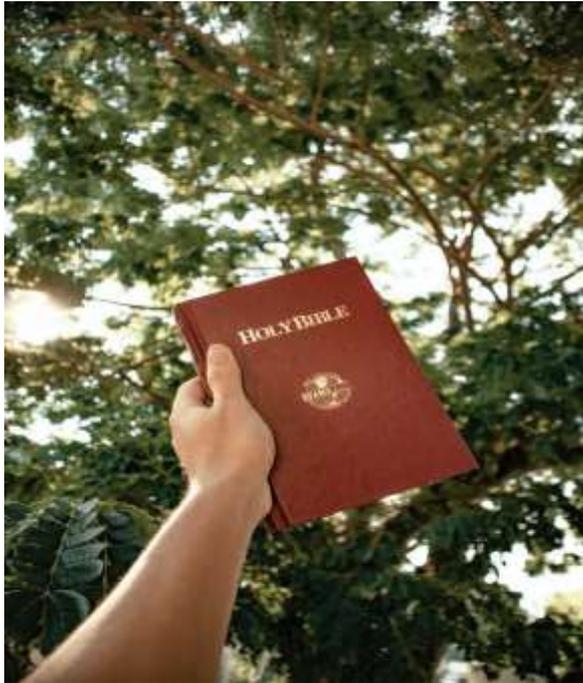
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Vicar - In Vacancy

The Parish Office will not be staffed, however phone and email contacts are live.
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Notices for the week commencing Sunday October 25, 2020.



Bible Sunday: October 25

Some years ago when we decided to read the whole Bible aloud in church within a week I visited Nick Baines, the then Bishop of Croydon for some input to start us off. He told me about Andrew Motion the poet and atheist who was calling for children to be taught about the Bible in schools. His reasoning was that you can't understand English or global cultural or historical heritage, particularly art, literature or theatre, unless you have a basic familiarity with biblical text. Coming from an atheist the message carried more weight than if it came from a theologian.

As the Bishop was due to be abroad the week we had allocated for the Bible reading I filmed him reading the first five chapters of Genesis. It was the start of a great week.

Each year the Bible is the world's bestseller with over 400 million copies sold or distributed. It has been translated into over 3000 languages. It was written by more than 40 human authors, over a period of 1500 years. But God was the architect. He inspired it.

'All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.' (2 Timothy 3.16-17).

Perhaps several you, like me, wish you had a better knowledge of the Bible. Try using Bible reading notes (available from Gill Williams), join a Bible study group or Alpha course. There are also wonderful resources for children like 'Open the Book'. So, on this Bible Sunday let us all commit to understand more about the richest of all our spiritual resources, the Bible. Richard.

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY IN CHURCH

October 25. Bible Sunday.

8.00am	Morning Prayer	<i>Leader Richard Holroyd</i>
	<i>Readings</i> Psalm 119: 9-16 (617)	Matthew 24: 30-35 (993)
3.00pm	Breathe	<i>Leader Rosie Verveckén</i>

Zoom Services - Zoom services will continue to be held at 10.00am on Sundays, Compline service on Wednesdays at 8.00pm, and on other occasions.

Collect for Bible Sunday – Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY IN CHURCH

November 1. All Saints' Day.

8.00am	Said Eucharist	<i>Celebrant The Rev Nigel Hinton</i>
	<i>Gospel Reading</i>	Matthew 5: 1-12 (968)
3.00pm	Afternoon Prayer	<i>Leader Grant Pyner</i>

OTHER INFORMATION

COVID-19 – QR code for Track and Trace: The Diocese requires all places of worship, already collecting visitor details, to also display the **NHS QR code** posters for visitors & church members using the new **NHS Covid-19 app**. St Peter & St Paul Church now has our unique **QR code poster** which may be found on the

entrance table just inside the Miller Room. Smartphone users with the app can simply scan the poster to 'check-in' for test and trace purposes.

We will continue to use a paper sign-in record, ensuring that we have the information necessary for Track and Trace.

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 vicar/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."

Based on the advice given by the Diocese the Churchwardens are allowing limited opening of St Peter & St Paul for individual entry, private prayer & services as follows, or as indicated here in this pewsheet, please note new day & time changes:-

- **Wednesdays 4.00pm to 5.00pm** -- Church representative will be present.
- **Fridays 10.00am to 11.00am** - Church representative will be present.
- **Sundays 8.00am to 9.30am** – Morning Prayer / Said Eucharist at 8.00am.
- **Sundays 2.30pm to 4.00pm** - Afternoon Prayer, Breathe or Said Eucharist at 3.00pm. Church representative will be present.

You are very welcome, but we ask you please, for your safety and others, follow the rules. 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.

The Diocesan Coronavirus Task Group issued the following information on Friday October 2:-

Numbers at services following Government advice will be:-

- *Weddings* are limited to 15 people and that number does not include the priest or staff in attendance. Renewal of wedding vows is limited by the rule of six.
- *Funerals* are limited to 30 people and that number includes the priest.
- *Baptisms* are governed by the rule of six, although in this instance the six does not include the priest. If part of the main service, then the numbers are not limited.

Remembrance and Christmas:-

- The Church of England Recovery Group is working on guidelines concerning services of Remembrance and Christmas. Bishop Christopher has asked the Diocesan Liturgical Group to put together materials for Remembrance and Christmas considering that the services will follow Coronavirus legislation.
- In addition, the Children and Young People's Team are also working on Christmas materials for our young people.

Dates for in-church Said Eucharist service at Lingfield – November 1 at 8.00pm and November 8 at 3.00pm; subject to confirmation. At St John's November 2 at 8.00am and November 15 at 4.00pm.

The Children's Society - Thank you for your continuing support for the Box Holder scheme which raised £511.56p this year. Also, thanks to Jenny Holroyd for her help in counting the money. If you would like to become a House Box Holder please let me know. The normal time for collecting in the money will be June, but there was a delay due to the pandemic. Gill Williams 833994 gillwilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk

Macmillan Cancer Support – Mike Ellis continues with 'go Sober this October', by giving up alcohol for 31 days and raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support through <http://www.gosober.org.uk/users/michael-ellis-3>. On Monday October 19, Michael reached his £1,000 target. His account will remain open till the end of the month. In fact, he has already received a promotional email saying £1075 will pay for a McMillan nurse for a week. If the gift aid is added he has done that! Thank you to everyone who has helped. Sue.

Shoe Box appeal – Sue and Gill are organising the Christmas gifts shoe box for children in Eastern Europe to include toys, chocolate, hats, gloves, scarves. We have supported this scheme over recent years. Details from Gill Williams 833994, gillwilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk. Sue Joy who lives near Lingfield Church will accept deliveries or collect your gifts, including shoe boxes too please. Sue at 835190 SusanJoy471@hotmail.com. All donations in by November 6 please.

Fairtrade Lingfield and Dormansland - This year Christmas pudding kits are being provided for you to make your Fairtrade puds. at home at £10 each. Containing everything needed EXCEPT eggs, alcohol/fruit juice for soaking the fruit and your own prepared bowl. A recipe and instructions leaflet are included with the kit. There is a "YouTube" demonstration for people who want to cook along with us on **Stir up Sunday November 22**. Kits will be delivered free of charge to local areas along with orders for other Fairtrade food and goods. Order by November 7 for delivery on Friday November 20. Further details and booking: gillwilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk, 01342 833994.

The Sick - Please pray for Brian Bell, Pam Marks, Dean Govier, Keith Smith and all whose names have been placed on the prayer board.

Rest in Peace - We remember Reg Skinner, a faithful member of our congregation with his wife Lillian for many years, and all those who have died recently. We recall all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.

Reg Skinner - There will a funeral service in church on Monday November 2 at 1.00pm. The Rev Nigel Hinton will officiate. Please note maximum of 30 persons.

Notices for inclusion in the pewsheets for Sunday November 1 should be phoned to Peter Beynon (834858, or email plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk) not later than preceding Thursday please.