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LINGFIELD PARISH CHURCH**

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**Notices for the week commencing Sunday September 27, 2020.**



**Let us pray!**

*A man prayed and at first he thought that prayer was talking. But he became more and more quiet until he realised that prayer was listening (Søren Kierkegaard).*

As I look back over the last six months I realise there has been a lot of prayer from our church community – for friends who were unwell; for protection from the virus; for people unable to say goodbye to loved ones in the way they wanted; for families unable to get together; for our friends in care homes unable to receive visitors, etc., etc.

The need for prayer has been great and it is good to reflect on prayers that have been answered. We know of friends recovering well from serious illnesses; the blessing of voluntary support in our communities; finding new friends among our neighbours.

In a letter written from prison, Anatoly Letivin, an old Russian Orthodox believer, who had been persecuted all his life by the secret police, described the power of prayer to bring peace and lighten our darkest moments. *'The greatest miracle of all is prayer. I have only to turn my thoughts to God and I suddenly feel a strength which bursts into my soul, into my entire being. What is it? Psychotherapy? No, it is not psychotherapy, for where would I, an insignificant, tired old man, get this strength which renews me and saves me, lifting me above the earth? It comes from without and there is no force on earth that can even understand it.'*

It is easy to go through life moaning about the cards we have been dealt but I hope the pandemic has taught us not to take things for granted and to count our blessings.

With the prospect of a second wave looming with increasing rates of infection, hospital admissions and deaths we must keep on praying. Sometimes our prayers are answered in an unexpected way. Believe in miracles, they do happen.

*More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice rise like a fountain for me night and day. (Alfred Lord Tennyson, Idylls of the King).* Richard.

## SERVICES THIS SUNDAY IN CHURCH

September 27. Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.

8.00am

Morning Prayer

Leader Richard Holroyd

Readings:

Psalms 78, 1-4, 12-16 (589)

Matthew 21: 23-32 (989)

3.00pm

Breathe

Leader Rosie Verweken

**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 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.** O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY IN CHURCH

October 4. Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.

8.00am	Said Eucharist	<i>The Revd Nigel Hinton</i>
	<i>Gospel Reading</i>	Matthew 21: 33-end (990)
3.00pm	Afternoon Prayer	<i>Leader Grant Pyner</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 – QR code for Track and Trace:** The Diocese says from Thursday September 24 businesses and venues (including places of worship) that are already required to collect visitor details must display the **NHS QR code** posters for visitors & Church members using the new **NHS 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.

QR Code example –  not the one for St Peter & St Paul

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 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 are offering a Said Eucharist service.

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.

**Bell Tower Garden** – Thanks to all who offered advice on replanting for this little raised area complete with headstones. The clearance is now complete, but the ground is very dry and looking bare. So, we are waiting for rain after which we will dig in some rich compost, then commence planting following the expert advice given. Green fingers are welcome to assist with this stage either by hand, or through supervision from a comfortable local sitting position. Carol & Peter Beynon.

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

**Message from Hilary Weston** - Thank you all so much for your prayers during the last two months. I am making a good recovery and hope to be able to attend a Eucharist service soon. When I was told what happened to me while I was in a coma I realised how blest I am that God was working through the nursing staff and ensured that I survived the cardiac arrests to look forward to many more years of life. Hilary.

**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.

Notices for inclusion in the pewsheets for Sunday October 4 should be phoned to Peter Beynon (834858, or email [plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk)) not later than preceding Thursday please.