

**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 28, 2021.



Tuesday February 23 – Above, **The Rt Revd. Jonathan Clark, Bishop of Croydon**, performing the Licensing service of **The Reverend Ian Whitley** as Priest in Charge of Lingfield and Dormansland (United Benefice). The service was transmitted on-line by Zoom and joined by over 96 screens of joyful well-wishers for his new ministry here in East Surrey.

Other contributions to the prayers and service were made by The Venerable Moira Astin, Archdeacon of Reigate, and The Revd Nigel Hinton. The Churchwardens of both parishes, friends from All Saints Banstead and other local church leaders here voiced their congratulations, stating their hopes and expectations in the future for working with, and supporting Ian in his new role and responsibilities.

The Institution and Induction process for Ian as Vicar cannot be held other than live in our church later in the year when open public services are again permitted.

Sure Start - Thank you all for the welcome you have given me Kat, Oscar and Ore. It was lovely to see so many of you on Zoom at my licensing. We are settling in well and starting to get used to our Eco Vicarage and I am starting to bump in to some of you in the village which is great. Hopefully with improving weather that will happen a bit more often. I have spent this week meeting with the Church wardens from both Churches in the Benefice and starting to get to know how both parishes tick. The main thing we are of course starting to talk about is when we can re-open the church building now we have Boris' Roadmap. We will keep you updated as soon as we have something to share. God Bless, Ian.

IN-CHURCH SERVICES SUSPENDED

February 28. Second Sunday of Lent.

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

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)

Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent – ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

IN-CHURCH SERVICES SUSPENDED

March 7. Third Sunday of Lent.

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

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

Readings: Exodus 20: 1-17 (77) 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 (1144)
John 2: 13-22 (1065)

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.

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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.”

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

- Sunday February 28 – 2.00 to 4.00pm - Church representative will be present.
- Wednesday March 3 - 2.00 to 4.00pm - Church representative will be present.
- Sunday March 7 – 2.00 to 4.00pm - Church representative will be present.

Fairtrade Fortnight - February 22 to March 7 in support of producers and farmers in the developing world.

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. See you all at 9.30am, please bring any tools you think you may need. Peter.

East Grinstead Food Bank Easter Appeal – We are preparing 150 Easter Lunch-bags 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.

Orders by March 1 for new seasonal event – Fairtrade **Simmel 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. Gill.

Easter Trail - St Peter and St Paul Lingfield are planning an **Easter Trail**, open to all. Running for the whole of Easter week (March 28 to April 3), and being outside in the churchyard, there will be no problem with distancing or feeling crowded. The trail will have items to spot hidden around the churchyard, and letters making up an Easter-related word to find. . . and there will goodie bags for all small participants that take part (sorry adults, but just the kids get the goodie bags) to be collected on April 3. An email has gone out to all known contacts, but please contact SueBellis@outlook.com if interested, or in helping the organisation. Rosie.

East Grinstead Choral Society – Like all social organisations we have not had any meetings or concerts recently. However, the Trustees have organised Zoom practice sessions on Thursday evenings where we are studying works by Britten, Copland, a lovely Shaker hymn, and other pieces, hopefully for a formal concert soon. The Trustees are very pleased to announce that after an on-line interview process last Saturday morning, involving all members (muted), Laurence Williams has been appointed as our new Music Director. It has not been an easy year for the choir, especially as we have not been able to be together and present some challenging music, as we have done at St Peter & St Paul in the past. Therefore, the Trustees are to be congratulated on steering EGCS in a new direction in the circumstances. Peter.

The College of St Barnabas – Our local home for retired Anglican priests at Dormansland has appointed a full time Chaplain, The Revd Sarah Miller, following the retirement of Father Kevin Scully as Warden at the end of January. Kevin is living locally in Dormansland so we hope he and Addy may visit us again at St Peter & St Paul when our services recommence. Other changes are underway – more next week, and also, an update on the good health of the residents during this last year. Peter.

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, Marion Scott (Phil's mother) and all those who have died recently. We recall Abraham Smith, Marjorie Baldwin, Marjorie Hyde, Clare Humphrey, Ian Dobson, Janet Bateson, Neena Cherrett 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 on Friday March 5 at 1.30pm at the crematorium.

Notices for inclusion in the pewsheets for Sunday March 7 should be phoned to Peter Beynon (834858, or email plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk) not later than preceding Thursday please.