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**LINGFIELD PARISH CHURCH**

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**Vicar** - In Vacancy

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**Notices for the week commencing Sunday August 30, 2020.**



***Praise the Lord for the Psalms***

This week at Nigel's home group we explored some of our favourite psalms. The first one mentioned was Psalm 8. It praises God for his creation with language that paints wonderful pictures in our minds: *When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place.... and the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.*

Hearing this made me think back to the first time we read the whole bible out loud in church within a week. I had a rough timetable and by Wednesday I thought we were behind so I came into church early, at 7.00am to catch up. The church was empty but I put the microphones on so passers by might hear. I read the psalms out loud for over an hour. When I came to psalm 8 I stopped because I found the words so wonderful I wanted to read them again.

Each Wednesday we read one of three psalms during the Compline service on Zoom. Psalm 91 is another wonderful psalm but quite different. It is a psalm of protection and includes this: *You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor the*

*arrow that flies by day; of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the sickness that destroys at noonday.* Today's Coronavirus is the pestilence we now face and it is reassuring that we have God's protection.

It is good that we now have a variety of worship in our churches and online. Next month Nigel is planning to have the Eucharist at St John's one Sunday and at Lingfield on another. Because of social distancing we may need to ask everyone to book a place as demand could be high. Richard.

## SERVICES THIS 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 Verweken</i>

Sunday August 30 – **BREATHE** at 3.00pm this Sunday (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.

**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 on Wednesdays, and on other occasions. Joining details from the Churchwardens, see their contacts under the Covid-19 explanations below.

**Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity** – **ALMIGHTY** and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy

mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

## NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY IN CHURCH

September 6. Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.

8.00am Morning Prayer *Leader Richard Holroyd*

*Readings:* Psalm 149: (634) Matthew 18: 15-20 (985)

3.00pm Afternoon Prayer *Leader Grant Pyner*

*Reading:* Acts 19: 1-20 (1115)

Sunday September 5 – This service of **Afternoon Prayer** at 3.00pm in church will be led by Grant Pyner. The reading will be Acts 19: 1-20 (1113). The structure of the service is defined by the Church of England. During the service there will be a song, the Nunc Dimittis and a hymn. Grant.

### OTHER INFORMATION

**COVID-19** - The Diocese has updated their advice (August 6) see <https://southwark.anglican.org/news/press-releases/2020/bulletin-no.21-thursday-6-august>. 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:-

- **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.

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](http://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.

Notices for inclusion in the pewsheet for Sunday September 6 should be phoned to Peter Beynon (834858, or email [plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk)) not later than preceding Thursday please.