

**UNITED BENEFICE OF LINGFIELD &
DORMANSLAND**

LINGFIELD PARISH CHURCH

www.lingfieldparishchurch.org

Follow St Peter & St Paul Church on Twitter: @LingfieldChurch

Vicar - The Revd. Ian Whitley has been appointed. Not yet in residence.

The Parish Office will not be staffed, however phone and email contacts are live.

Contact 01342 832021 or officelingfieldppchurch@gmail.com.

Notices for the week commencing Sunday January 31, 2021.

Church website – Our latest information, updated weekly, is also available on our website, see www.lingfieldparishchurch.org. Included is this pewsheet information, and back copies should you wish. Our Churchwardens are sending out frequent links for the many Zoom hosted events, please do join us, there are a range of possibilities for joining on-line services and keeping in contact with each other in these difficult times.



Candlemas: The Presentation of Christ and the Purification of the Virgin Mary. Forty days after the birth of Jesus we celebrate his official induction into Judaism at the Temple. When Jesus and his parents entered the Temple, they encountered Simeon and Anna. Simeon had been promised that “he should not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.” (Luke 2.26). Simeon recognised Jesus as the Christ and then said the lovely prayer we now know as the Nunc Dimittis – a prayer we say each Wednesday in the Compline service.

NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

IN-CHURCH SERVICES SUSPENDED

February 7. Second Sunday before Lent.

10.00am

Service on Zoom, see links given by email.

Nigel will lead, see links by email.

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

Readings: Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31 (641) Colossians 1: 15-20 (1182)
John 1: 1-14 (1063)

OTHER INFORMATION.

Lent books – Two are available to order from Nigel - nigelk.hinton@gmail.com:-

- **#Live Lent: God's Story Our Story** - The C of E's Lent campaign 2021 - by Stephen Hance at £1.99. It has a linked app!
- **Pilgrim Journeys** - by Steven Croft at £2.99.

Both include a short reflection & prayer for each of the 40 days of Lent. The First Sunday of Lent this year will be February 21.

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.

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.”

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

- Sunday Jan 31 – 2.00 to 4.00pm - Church representative will be present.
- Funeral service in church on Monday Feb 1, so the church will be closed until: -
- Friday Feb 5 - 10.00 to 12.00am - Church representative will be present.
 - Sunday Feb 7 – 2.00 to 4.00pm - Church representative will be present.

40 Day Prayer Support for Ian, Kat & Oscar Whitley – Already distributed but repeated here is part of the 40-day programme of prayer to support Ian and his family as they prepare to join us here in Lingfield and Dormansland, listed suggestions for each day are shown. The 40th day will be Ian's Licensing (Induction at later date).

Day **17**; Jan 31 - Psalm 17: 1-5 – For a desire to serve God first. (Epiphany 4).

Day **18**; Feb 1 – Psalm 18: 13-17 – For deliverance by God from all who oppose His work.

Day **19**; Feb 2 – Psalm 19: 7-10 – For a deepening love for God’s word. (Presentation of Christ in the Temple; Candlemas).

Day **20**; Feb 3 – Psalm 20: 1-5 – For a close and intimate walk with God.

Day **21**; Feb 4 – Psalm 21: 1-6 – For a deepening of assurance and God’s presence.

Day **22**; Feb. 5 – Psalm 22: 1-5 – For a deep concern for those who are ‘lost’.

Day **23**; Feb. 6 – Psalm 23: 1-6 – For all the gifts needed to be a shepherd to the ‘flock’.

Day **24**; Feb. 7 – Psalm 24: 1-6 – For right living, clean hands and a pure heart. (Second before Lent)

Days **25 – 40** will be printed in subsequent pewsheets.

Saturday Feb 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 self-isolating (big area) even if you can only offer a few hours. A job for all abilities.

Security of our church building - During this sad period of lockdown when our church is closed and we cannot enter for our services and communicate with each other, we need to be sure everything is safe and secure. If you are out and about for your daily exercise, please walk through the churchyard and around the paths. Observe and report any unusual activity, any open doors/windows, or noises. Report to the police or churchwardens immediately, there should be no work going on at the present time on the building structure.

The Sick - Please pray for Brian Bell, Pam Marks, Keith Smith, Sue Page, Jenny Holroyd, Alison Penny, Peter Francis, Victor Alfrey, Shona Hoad (John Garman’s daughter), Josie Davis and all whose names have been placed on the prayer board.

Rest in Peace - We remember Violet Hughes, Joan Harvey and all those who have died recently. We recall Dorothy Pocock, Tim Pool and all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.

Monday February 1 – Funeral Service for **Violet Hughes** at 12.30am in church.

Joan Harvey – We are sorry to report the death peacefully at home on Wednesday January 27 of Joan at the age of 99 years. Joan was the wife of a priest, cared for others all her life and was a regular congregation member at St Peter & St Paul for many years.

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