

UNITED BENEFICE OF LINGFIELD &
DORMANSLAND
LINGFIELD PARISH CHURCH

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

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

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday December 13, 2020.



Messengers of God

The biblical events leading up to the birth of Jesus emphasise the importance of angels. Imagine how Mary must have felt when the angel came to tell her she was to give birth to Jesus. After what must have been quite a shock to this young girl, she was full of joy, expressed by her in that wonderful uplifting song we call the Magnificat. Angels also appeared to Zechariah, father of John the Baptist, to Joseph and then to the Shepherds. All these angels carried messages from God and had a great impact on those visited.

On at least two occasions angels helped Jesus. After the temptation angels came and ministered to him. Then in the Garden of Gethsemane an angel from heaven came and strengthened him. How do we feel today about angels? I believe they help us when we are at our lowest, if it is the will of God.

In today's society many people believe in fairies, elves and goblins. Well, I don't but like the Abba song '*I believe in Angels*'. As Jesus said to Nathaniel (John 1.51) '*Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man*'. Richard.

Appointment of Vicar - We are pleased to announce that **The Reverend Ian Whitley**, presently Curate at All Saints, Banstead in the Diocese of Guildford, has been appointed **Vicar of Lingfield and Dormansland (United Benefice)**. It has been confirmed he will be instituted by The Rt Revd Jonathan Clark, Bishop of Croydon and inducted by The Venerable Moira Astin, Archdeacon of Reigate. The service will take place at **St Peter & St Paul on Tuesday February 23 at 7.30pm**.

From the All Saints' website - *Ian joined in July 2017 as our new Pioneer Assistant Curate. He previously worked for four years as a Lay Parish Missioner at a Church in Weston Green, Esher after 30 years in the Metropolitan Police. He is married to Kat and they have a son Oscar and a Bullador puppy called Oreo. Ian's interests include rugby and cricket (sadly just watching these days!) and he loves cooking, a good pint of real ale and is always looking for opportunities to practice either.*

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

December 13. Third Sunday of Advent.

8.00am	Morning Prayer	<i>Leader Richard Holroyd</i>
<i>Readings:</i>	Psalm 126: 1-4, 8-end (623)	John 1: 6-8, 19-28 (1063)
1.30-3.00pm	Church open for private prayer.	
3.00pm	Said Eucharist	<i>Celebrant The Revd Nigel Hinton</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 the third Sunday of Advent – LORD Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

If you would like to attend any Christmas Services email Suebellis@outlook.com to register a place. Only 50 at each service to observe COVID guidance.

19 December 7pm Zoom Entertainment. Virtual Christmas Party email David Jessup if you would like to join. david.jessup4@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

December 20. Fourth Sunday of Advent.

8.00am

Morning Prayer

Leader Richard Holroyd

Readings:

Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26 (597)

Luke 1: 26-38 (1026)

1.30-3.00pm

Church open for private prayer.

3.00pm

Lessons and Carols

OTHER INFORMATION

Sunday December 20 - Services in church; **Morning Prayer** at 8.00am, **Lessons and Carols** at 3.00pm.

Thursday December 24 - We are pleased to confirm that **The Revd Kevin Scully**, Warden of St Barnabas, will be taking the 11.30pm Said Eucharist service on Christmas Eve.

Friday December 25 – The Celebrant for the 10.00am Christmas Day Eucharist service will be **The Revd Canon Dr Raymond Bayley** from the College of St Barnabas. Canon Bayley served for 40 years in the Church in Wales before retirement, in parishes, and also, a Cathedral and a theological college. Since retiring he has covered several vacancies, the first one in Wales, then another on St Helena Island, then three in parishes of Southwark Diocese. He has been resident at the College of St Barnabas for a year.

Also, a Zoom service at 10.00am will be held for those unable to attend the church service.

Crib Services – Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions on social mixing and the inability to control numbers in the church we will not be holding our extremely successful crib services for the two age groups this year. We expect that next year we will be under less onerous conditions and will be able to offer our services again.

COVID-19 – QR code for Track and Trace: please use the **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. We will continue to use a paper sign-in record, ensuring that we have the information necessary for Track and Trace.

The latest information from Southwark may be found at:- Bulletin no.31 - Friday 27 November - The Diocese of Southwark (anglican.org). 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 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.”

In addition to the in-church services detailed in the tables, St Peter & St Paul will be open for individual entry and private prayer, as follows:-

- **Mondays 10.00 to 12.00am** - Church representative will be present
- **Wednesdays 2.00 to 4.00pm** -- Church representative will be present.
- **Fridays 10.00 to 12.00am** - Church representative will be present.
- **Sundays 1.30 to 3.30pm** - Church representative will be present.

Welfare - The regular **Toy Choosing Sessions** cannot be held this year, but they would welcome money or vouchers to support the families they serve. Please contact Gill Williams, gillwilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk, 01342 833994 about donations, who will make sure they reach Welfare. Gill.

Fairtrade Lingfield and Dormansland made up and distributed 51 Fairtrade @Home Christmas pudding kits in time for "Stir-Up" Sunday. Due to generous donations of the remaining non-Fairtrade ingredients and lots of willing help, we have sent a donation of £250 to Traidcraft Exchange, which works with farmers and producers to develop their products and bring them to market for a fair price. We hope to be back in church in 2021! Gill.

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus - Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sick - Please pray for Brian Bell, Pam Marks, Keith Smith, Sue Page, Jenny Holroyd, Alison Penny, Hilary Weston and all whose names have been placed on the prayer board.

Rest in Peace - We remember Geoffrey Bowden and all those who have died recently. We recall Sue Ramus, Daphne Bish, Canon Edmund Plaxton and all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.

Geoffrey Bowden – We are sorry to report the death of Geoffrey, who with his late wife Caroline, were great supporters of this church.

Notices for inclusion in the pewsheets for Sunday December 20 to January 2 should be phoned to Peter Beynon (834858, or email plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk) not later than preceding Thursday please.