

**UNITED BENEFICE OF LINGFIELD &  
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LINGFIELD PARISH CHURCH**

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**Vicar** - In Vacancy

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

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**Notices for the week commencing Sunday November 15, 2020.**



**Second Sunday Before Advent**

Here we are again in lockdown with our churches closed for public worship. Thankfully we can still open for private prayer and I do urge you to do this. We certainly need lots of prayer and please be inspired by the beautiful floral arrangements.

Last week I was on holiday in Broadstairs and attended Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church. It's a beautiful large church, wide with three aisles. The congregation was about 80 strong, all socially distanced with a clear one-way system for receiving communion. As the introit procession of servers, choir and ministers started I caught a smell of incense. It is surprising how evocative certain

little things are to our senses and emotions. It triggered such good feelings in me, taking me back to my early days as a worshipper.

That church, like ours, has gone to great lengths to be Covid safe, and I share the views of many church leaders that the suspension of public worship is unnecessary.

Thankfully, we continue with our Zoom services on Sundays and Wednesdays and last Sunday's service was excellent with a high attendance and a fitting way to mark Remembrance Sunday. If you have not yet joined a Zoom service and would like help to do so, please do let me or Sue know. Richard.

### **SERVICES THIS SUNDAY**

November 15. Second Sunday before Advent.

Zoom service at 10.00am only.

**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 Second Sunday before Advent** – Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever Amen.

### **NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS**

#### **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY**

November 22. Christ the King. Sunday next before Advent.

Zoom service at 10.00am only.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

**COVID-19 – QR code for Track and Trace:** The Diocese requires all places of worship, already collecting visitor details, to also display the **NHS QR code** posters for visitors & church members using the new **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. Smartphone users with the app can simply scan the poster to ‘check-in’ for test and trace purposes.

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 vicar/churchwardens of this church can be contacted in an emergency:-

Richard Holroyd - 01342 833776, [beachhutbooks@btinternet.com](mailto:beachhutbooks@btinternet.com).

Sue Ellis - 01342 870261, [Suebellis@outlook.com](mailto: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.”*

The government has imposed an additional lockdown on the whole country until December 2. We understand that based on the advice given by the Diocese, the Churchwardens are permitting limited opening of St Peter & St Paul for individual entry and private prayer only, as follows:-

- **Mondays 3.00 to 4.00pm** - Church representative will be present
- **Wednesdays 10.00 to 12.00am** -- Church representative will be present.
- **Fridays 10.00 to 12.00am** - Church representative will be present.

You are very welcome, but we ask you, for your safety and others, please follow the rules. 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.

**Southwark Diocese and Church of England** – For the Pastoral Letter from the Bishop of Southwark, dated 2 November 2020 see the updated website (Monday November 11) at <https://southwark.anglican.org/coronavirus/>, also for advice from the Church of England, see <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>.

#### **Christmas services:-**

- The Church of England Recovery Group is working on guidelines concerning services at Christmas. Bishop Christopher has asked the Diocesan Liturgical Group to put together materials for Christmas considering that the services will follow Coronavirus legislation.

- In addition, the Children and Young People’s Team are also working on Christmas materials for our young people.

**Welcare** - 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](mailto:gillwilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk), 01342 833994 about donations, who will make sure they reach Welcare. Gill.

**Month of Prayer** - The Church of England has made November 2020 a month of prayer for our nation. We know that we are in the faithful hands of the risen Christ who knows our weaknesses, tiredness and struggles and whose steadfast love endures forever. See <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation>. For the week 2 (November 16-22) the prayer at 6.00pm is:-

**Loving Father God**, be with us in our distress; be with our families, friends, and neighbours, our country and our world. Give health to the sick, hope to the fearful, and comfort to mourners. Give wisdom to our frontline and key workers, insight to our Government, and patience to us all. Overcome disease with the power of your new life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**East Grinstead Food Bank** - Are appealing for seasonal goodies to top off the bags and bring a bit of joy to the children (yes, and the adults too!). We would love to receive:- round tubs or cartons of chocolates, fancy boxes of biscuits, Christmas cake bars or similar sized festive cakes (small oblong ideal), tubes of crisps (no packets please due to storage issues).

All Christmas items by December 7 please, to allow for packing & distribution on December 10 (we have to get the bags out to schools allowing time for families to collect before the schools break up, hence the early date). Contact Lucy Tribe, Administrator (Tues, Weds, Fri) East Grinstead Foodbank, Jubilee Community Centre, Charlwoods Road, RH19 2HL 07739 641869 (Tues, Weds, Fri) <http://www.eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk>.

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

**Rest in Peace** - We remember Neil Convery and all those who have died recently. We recall all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.

**Neil Convery** - The funeral service will be at St John's, on Monday November 16 at 11.30am.