

**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 two weeks commencing Sunday December 20, 2020 to
January 2, 2021 - Revised.**

Very best wishes for a very happy Christmas and the New Year.

Tier 4 changes - Owing to the Government requirements that Surrey is now placed in Tier 4 restrictions and due to the vulnerability of our staff and congregation, the Churchwardens have very reluctantly decided to suspend in-church services for the foreseeable future. However, the church will be open for private prayer and those who wish to pay a visit over Christmas. To welcome you the open sessions will be supervised by a PCC member, or other. Will you please look at your emails on a regular basis, because the Churchwardens are issuing additional open sessions, wherever possible.



Nativity figures outside the church west wall.

Christmas 2020 - As we approach a very strange Christmas, I have been thinking back to some of my favourite Christmases. I remember some lovely family celebrations in Broadstairs where my grandparents were living; one in particular when I was 16 and had just been confirmed. My grandmother was so proud of me, especially when I accompanied her to St. Peter's Church on Christmas morning. Perhaps it was the first time I experienced the wonderful bible readings and carols – worship at its very best. Perhaps also it was the first time for many years my grandmother was not stuck at home in the kitchen preparing the dinner. Later that day I was hoping to find a church having an Evensong service but without success, so I went for a lovely walk instead.

This year we have some young neighbours with children just old enough to appreciate the wonder of Christmas for the first time. I hope the efforts that have been taken to produce an outdoor Nativity scene and the Christian window displays will compensate for the lack of crib services this year. However, we celebrate it, let us pray that the Christmas messages of hope, peace, joy and love give us all great memories to look back on in years to come. Richard.

Nativity scene and figures – Our thanks to Christine Matthews for coming up with the idea, Bryan Robinson, and Ray Daines for creating the figures, and, also to Liz Lavigne for creating all the silhouettes. Electrician Michael Mackie-Clark from Dormansland has lit the scene, as shown in our photo.

External lighting – You will have noticed that the church tower and spire, along with the ground level lighting has been repaired with new units and lamps, illuminating our church again. Our thanks to Grant who worked with the electricians in the cold, wind, and damp at high level to complete the work. Where would we be without our volunteers?

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.*

IN-CHURCH SERVICES SUSPENDED

December 20. Fourth Sunday of Advent.

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

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 (310)

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 (1188)

John 1: 6-8, 19-28 (1063)

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, please follow the emailed links to join, and enjoy. Again, additional Zoom services may be introduced, so please open your inbox often.

IN-CHURCH SERVICES SUSPENDED

Thursday December 24. Christmas Eve.

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

2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-11, 16 (310)

Acts 13: 16-26 (1107)

Luke 1: 67-79 (1027)

Friday December 25. Christmas Day.

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

Isaiah 9: 2-7 (693)

Titus 2: 11-14 (1199)

Luke 2: 1-14 (1027)

NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

IN-CHURCH SERVICES SUSPENDED

December 27. First Sunday of Christmas.

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

Readings:

Exodus 33: 7-11a (92)

1 John 1: (1225)

John 21: 19b-end (1026)

OTHER INFORMATION

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.

IN-CHURCH SERVICES SUSPENDED

January 3. Second Sunday of Christmas.

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

Jeremiah 31: 7-14 (791)

Ephesians 1: 3-14 (1173)

John 1: 10-18 (1063)

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. 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.”

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.

Additional open sessions on other days are being organised, please see your emails from the Churchwardens.

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 Colin Prime, Derek Nice, Kevin Black 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. His funeral will be the Surrey & Sussex Crematorium on Wednesday December 23 at 10.15am.

Notices for inclusion in the pewsheets for Sunday January 3 should be phoned to Peter Beynon (834858, or email plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk) not later than preceding Thursday please.