

**UNITED BENEFICE OF LINGFIELD &
DORMANSLAND
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 22, 2020.



Inter Faith Week

Last week was inter faith week and I was reminded of this watching Songs of Praise on TV. Aled Jones sang a lovely duet with Sami Yusuf, his Muslim friend. Entitled 'Song of our Maker' it is an amalgam of All Creatures of Our God and King and the Sufi song Fiyyashiyya. That sort of collaboration between Christians and Muslims gives a very positive message of understanding and mutual respect.

A couple of years ago Matt and Tor Waite invited me to join them at a peace conference in a mosque in Crawley. Speakers from all different world religions spoke about their faith's teaching about peace. We then shared a meal together. I mentioned this some months ago when I spoke about peace at a Lingfield Primary School assembly. I was conscious that the school has children from many different cultures.

Too often our news broadcasts focus on the tensions and violence between people of different faiths. In my experience people of faith have much in common and the world will be a better place if we all show more understanding, tolerance and respect for other faiths, without the need to compromise on our own beliefs.

Here are a few statements from the leaders of Inter Faith Week:

We believe that good inter faith relations are a vital part of a harmonious, just and respectful society.

We pledge to deepen our work to increase understanding about and between our faiths and to strengthen our cooperation on social issues.

While our great religious traditions are distinct in belief and practice, there is much that unites us. We will draw on fundamental values held in common and on the wisdom of our respective faith traditions to continue to work – as individual communities together – for the wellbeing of our society, our wider global community, and the planet that is our home. Richard

Appointment of Vicar - The Bishop of Southwark has issued the following statement ‘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)**, subject to completion of the necessary procedures. Further details, including the date of the Licensing service, will follow in due course.’

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 THIS SUNDAY

November 22. Christ the King. Sunday next 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 Christ the King. Sunday next before Advent – God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen.

NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

November 29. First Sunday of Advent.

Zoom service at 10.00am only.

OTHER INFORMATION

COVID-19 – QR code for Track and Trace: please use 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. 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 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.”

St Peter & St Paul will be open for individual entry and private prayer only, 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.
- From Sunday November 29 we will also be open 1.30 to 3.30pm.

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, 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 3 (November 22-29) the prayer at 6.00pm is:-

‘Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you. In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster. Do it again, we pray. Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders, Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers. Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve. Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and

difficult days, turn your face towards us, have mercy upon us, and heal our land, we pray. Amen.’

Love in a box scheme - Thanks to members of our congregations in Lingfield and Dormansland for your generous donations of toys and warm clothes to children in Moldova through the "Love in a Box" shoebox scheme. Twenty-four boxes came from you and our area has sent off 162 shoeboxes. Sue Joy & Gill Williams.

Flowers for Remembrance Sunday – On the front page of the pewsheet last week was a photograph of the poppy display prepared by our dedicated team for Remembrance Sunday. Here are two more arrangements. When we open our church again, we will all be able to see their artistic abilities, for which we are all most grateful.



East Grinstead Food Bank – An appeal for seasonal goodies to top off the bags and bring a bit of joy to the children, such as:- 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 needed by December 7, for processing by 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 all those who have died recently. We recall Linda Martin, Christine Taylor, Charles Joseph and all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.

Notices for inclusion in the pewsheet for Sunday November 29 should be phoned to Peter Beynon (834858, or email plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk) not later than preceding Thursday please.