

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

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Vicar - Appointment arrangements in hand.

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 29, 2020.



Advent Sunday and Joan Harvey's 99th birthday

This Sunday we celebrate the start of a new church year but also the 99th birthday of one of our most faithful church members. Joan is now housebound but still shows an active interest in all the news of our church, especially her friends. She often says 'I don't know why God has wanted me to live this long, but one thing I can do is pray' Joan uses her bible reading notes each day and is very faithful in praying for all those in need. She is always cheerful and never complains. I look forward to taking Communion to her again now the lockdown is easing.

Advent is a time of hope and looking forward. 2020 has been such a difficult year for people across the world and the advent themes are therefore so welcome. We are asked to prepare a way for the Lord, to stay awake, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Waiting is not something we are good at but perhaps

the lockdown has slowed us all down a little, which is no bad thing. May we use this season of Advent to take time to be still and prepare ourselves deeply for Christmas.

May we also follow the example of people like Joan. Having given great active Christian service when she was able she looks forward to her future in this life and the next. 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 NEXT SUNDAY

November 29. First Sunday of 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 Advent Sunday – ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

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OTHER INFORMATION

Thursday December 24 - We are pleased to confirm that **The Revd Kevin Scully**, Warden of St Barnabas, will be taking the midnight service on Christmas Eve. Details of services where possible will be announced in due course.

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 latest information from Southwark may be found at:- Bulletin no.30 - Friday 20 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:-

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 4 (November 30 - December 6) the prayer at 6.00pm is:-

Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ came that we might have life and have it abundantly; pour out your blessing upon our nation; where there is illness, bring your healing touch; where there is fear, strengthen us with the knowledge of your presence; where there is uncertainty, build us up in faith; where there is

dishonesty, lead us into truth; here there is discord, may we know the harmony of your love; this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.'

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 Roger Bancroft-Hunt, Victoria Sandra Phipps, Joyce Price and all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.

Notices for inclusion in the pewsheets for Sunday December 6 should be phoned to Peter Beynon (834858, or email plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk) not later than preceding Thursday please.