

Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough

SUNDAY Supplement

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Sunday 13th May – Easter 7 (Sunday after Ascension)

A warm welcome to our services today.

RIP: Our sympathies and prayers for Diana and the family of **Robert Burder**, a loyal servant of the Church at Seale, who died peacefully at Frimley Park Hospital on Tuesday 8th May.

Services Today

10.30 am The Sands Patronal Communion (Stephen Thatcher)

6.00 pm Wanborough Songs of Praise (Chris Tuckwell)

Today's Readings

Morning: Acts 1.15-17,21-26 ; John 17.6-19

Prayer for this week

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to
your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy
Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our
Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

We pray and give thanks for:

- The family and friends of **Robert Burder**, who died on Tuesday,
- **Molly Avenell**, in Milford Hospital
- **Caryn de Walden**, recovering from heart surgery.

Diary for the week

Mon 14 th	8.00 pm	Walking and Prayer: Labyrinth Candlelit Challenge at St Bartholomew, Wanborough.
Tue 15 th	12.00 – 2.30 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café, at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
	2.00 pm	Cathedral Prayers and Tea.
Wed 16 th	11.00 am	Poetry, Prayers and Ploughman's, at St Bartholomew, Wanborough
Thu 17 th	7:30 pm	Monastic Prayer: Compline, monastic style, at St Bartholomew, Wanborough.
Fri 18 th	6:45 pm	Music and Prayer: Galliard Trio, at St Bartholomew, Wanborough.
Sat 19 th – Sun 20 th		History and Prayer: Open Church, at St Bartholomew, Wanborough.
Sun 20 th	2.00 – 5.00 pm	Ride in the Park, at Hampton Estate

Services next Sunday – 20th May

Pentecost

9.00 am	The Sands	Holy Communion	(Stephen Thatcher)
10.30 am	Puttenham	BIG FISH in Church	(Stephen Thatcher)
10.30 am	Seale	Holy Communion	(Delia Orme)

Dates for the future

Tue 22 nd	12.00 – 2.30 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café, at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Wed 23 rd	2.30 – 4.30 pm	Tower Café, at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
Fri 25 th	7.30 pm	Family Barn Dance at the Royal British Legion, The Sands.

FROM THE RECTORY DESK

The Sands church will celebrate today the patronage of the Good Shepherd. There are not that many churches who share this patronage - around 62 in fact.

The image of the Good Shepherd is one of the earliest Christian art symbols and portrays the person of Christ described by John in his gospel (John 10:11) as the Saviour, the shepherd of souls. This shepherding theme runs through the scriptures and is the message of the 23rd Psalm. In Luke's parable of the lost sheep the good shepherd leaves the 99 in search of the missing one. The apocalyptic writings of John in the book of Revelation describes the true shepherd of Judah who having conquered death can wipe away the tears of those who mourn. "For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." -- Rev. 7:17 describes the true shepherd of Judah



The featured gothic painting by Jan Provoost, entitled "The allegory of Christianity" c. 1515 includes the symbol of Jesus as the "Lamb of God", the *Agnus Dei*. These highly decorative symbols of the Christian faith were used throughout the centuries to evangelise and re-invigorate

traditional gospel stories. What I wonder do the symbols convey to Christians today living in a post-modern pluralistic society? In what ways is the theme of shepherding understood and is there a modern day allegorical equivalent?

At 6.00 pm, the church at Wanborough will host a 'Songs of Praise' service, as part of its Novena programme; the theme will not be shepherding but prayer, and the hymns carefully chosen will reflect the many blessings of answered prayer. Do let Anne Concanen or Chris Tuckwell know your hymn choices and what it says to you about prayer. Pick up a Novena leaflet and follow the daily prayer events at St Bartholomew, Wanborough.

Blessings,

Rector

'THY KINGDOM COME'- Ascension to Pentecost.

We are fully supporting the **'Thy Kingdom Come'** initiative here in our Parish and there are a wide range of activities happening between **10 - 20 May**, mainly hosted at **Wanborough**.

Please come along and join in the prayer walk and other special prayer events between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday.

Everyone is very welcome.

The Sunday Supplement can be read each week on line – www.spw.org.uk

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