

Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough

SUNDAY Supplement

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Sunday 3rd February – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Welcome to our services today.

Services Today

9.00 am	Seale	Holy Communion – CW	(Phil Roche)
9.00 am	Wanborough	Morning Service	(Chris Tuckwell)
10.30 am	Puttenham	Morning Service	(Helen Roche)
10.30 am	The Sands	Family Praise	(Marcus Bateman)

Today's Readings

Morning: Malachi 3.1-5 ; Hebrews 2.14-18 ; Luke 2.22-40
(Wanborough: Ezekiel 43.27–44.4 : Luke 2.22-40)

Prayer for this week

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Tue 5 th	12.00 – 2.30 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café, at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice at St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
Wed 6 th	9.30 – 11.00 am	Church Mice Toddlers Group, at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Thu 7 th	7.00 pm	Choir Practice at St Laurence, Seale.

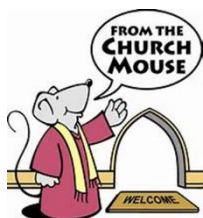
Services next Sunday – 10th February 4 before Lent

9.00 am	The Sands	Holy Communion – CW	(Phil Roche)
10.30 am	Puttenham	Holy Communion – CW	(Stephen Thatcher)
10.30 am	Seale	Morning Service	(Chris Tuckwell)
6.00 pm	Wanborough	Compline	(Helen Roche)

DATES FOR THE FUTURE

Tue 12 th	12.00 – 2.30 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café, at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice at St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
Wed 13 th	2.30 – 4.30 pm	Tower Café at St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
Thu 14 th	7.00 pm	Choir Practice at St Laurence, Seale.

CHURCH MICE



Don't forget – our new church group for toddlers and babies, commences on Wednesday 6th February at The Good Shepherd, The Sands, from 9.30 – 11.00 am.

FROM THE RECTORY DESK



Dear Friends,

Candlemas is primarily about the presentation of Jesus in the temple and the purification of Mary the Mother of Jesus as was the custom for all Jewish mothers 40 days after a birth. The link with candles came about when a mass was said to bless all candle used in church during the liturgical year “The Mass of the Candles” connecting Jesus with candles is a great way of declaring once again that Jesus is the light of the world. As the days draw out and we experience more of the sun’s light, so we are reminded that the Christ light is also with us to shine in the darkness and guide our feet on our spiritual pilgrimage. The elderly Simeon puts it perfectly in his prayer of blessing and affirmation:

“Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

May the Light of Christ abide in all our hearts.

Blessings,

Rector

And Finally...



The choristers' annual treat wasn't what it had once been

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

*Items for inclusion should reach
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