

*Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough*

# SUNDAY Supplement

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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Lent 3**

Welcome to our services today.

## Services Today

9.00 am	The Sands	Morning Service
10.30 am	Puttenham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Seale	Morning Service
6.00 pm	Wanborough	Evening Prayer

## Today's Readings

**Morning:** Isaiah 55.1-9 ; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 ; Luke 13.1-9

**Evening:** Genesis 28.10-19a ; John 1.35-51

## Prayer for this week

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son 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 26 <sup>th</sup>	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 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
	2.30 pm	Bible Reading Fellowship at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
	2.30 – 4.30 pm	Tower Café at St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
	7.00 pm	<b>Windows into Faith:</b> Lent Study at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.00 pm	Choir Practice at St Laurence, Seale.

<b>Services next Sunday – 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)</b>
9.00 am    Seale	United Communion Service

## DATES FOR THE FUTURE

Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	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.
	7.00 pm	<b>Windows into Faith:</b> Lent Study at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Choir Practice at St Laurence, Seale.

## FROM THE RECTORY DESK

Dear Friends,

It appears we eavesdrop into reports of tragic news in today's gospel reading. First, concerning a group of Galileans who had been slaughtered

by Herod's soldiers in the act of offering their sacrifices in the vicinity of the Temple. To this news Jesus responds with a question:

*"Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all perish in the same way."*

Later another tragedy is recalled this time by Jesus. The Tower near the pool of Siloam collapsed killing eighteen innocent bystanders. Again, Jesus asks a question:

*"Or those eighteen, on whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them; do you think that they were worse offenders than all the men who dwell in Jerusalem? I tell you, no, but, unless you repent, you will all perish in the same way."*

It seems that in the repetition that is the same answer to both questions, Jesus is pointing out that in this life there will be disasters, tragic accidents, fatal violence etc. and they can occur at any time and when they do innocent people suffer. Whatever the cause? death will come to everyone, the time for repentance therefore is now in the present moment. This essential message in the text is further backed up with the parable of the fig tree.

One of the graces of Lent is the gift of time to really think about God and about the changes we need to make in our own lives, to repent of our sins and to get right with him so that we may live as true believers and disciples of Christ.

Lenten Grace,

Rector



## EASTER FLOWERS IN PUTTENHAM CHURCH

Once again we would be grateful for any donations in memory of loved ones, to help with the cost of lilies and other flowers used in decorating the church at Easter. Molly Avenell (107 The Street, tel 810121) is collecting names and contributions. The names will be recorded and displayed in the church. If you would like to contribute, please put your donation in an envelope, together with the names you would like to be recorded, and post it through Molly's letterbox by Sunday 14th April.

## LENT LUNCHES

MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH - SUE WEIR

GREENSAND COTTAGE, PUTTENHAM ROAD, SEALE 01252 783265

MONDAY 1 APRIL - ANN HESLING

STARCROSS, PUTTENHAM HEATH ROAD 01483 810322

MONDAY 8 APRIL - CAROLINE YARNOLD

93 THE STREET, PUTTENHAM 01483 810564

Please contact the hostess to confirm.

ALL PROCEEDS TO SPW.

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## JUMBLE SALE

CLOTHES TOYS BRIC-À-BRAC ETC.  
THE SANDS CHURCH, SAT 6th APRIL  
1 PM – 3 PM

TEA, COFFEE ADMISSION £1.00  
contact [ann.payne303@btinternet.com](mailto:ann.payne303@btinternet.com)  
01252 782873

## NORMAN & MARGARET

The leaving gift from the Parish to Norman and Margaret is a pair of reclining chairs with footstools and a small dining table for the balcony of their new flat:



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*Items for inclusion should reach*

**Geoff Graham** ([mail@geoffreygraham.co.uk](mailto:mail@geoffreygraham.co.uk)) by noon on Thursday.