

*Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough*

# SUNDAY Supplement

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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Lent 5**

Welcome to our services today.

## Services Today

9.00 am	Seale	Holy Communion
9.00 am	Wanborough	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Puttenham	Morning Service
10.30 am	The Sands	Family Praise

## Today's Readings

**Morning:** Isaiah 43.16-21 ; Philippians 3.4b-14 ; John 12.1-8

## Prayer for this week

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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 9 <sup>th</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.
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 – 4.30 pm	Tower Café at St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
	7.00 pm	<b>Windows into Faith: Lent Study</b> at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.

	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
	9.00 am The Sands	Holy Communion	
	10.30 am Puttenham		
	Communion, Baptism & Procession of Palms		
	10.30 am Seale		
	Morning Service with Procession of Palms		
	6.00 pm Wanborough	Compline	
	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7.00 pm Seale	Holy Communion
	<i>Followed by Watch of The Passion to 10.00 pm</i>		
	<b>Good Friday</b>	10.00 am The Sands	Stations of the Cross
	2.00 pm Puttenham	Devotional Service <i>'All you who Pass By'</i>	

## DATES FOR THE FUTURE

Tue 16 <sup>th</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 ( <i>with Seale Choir</i> ).
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	<b>Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting</b> , at Wanborough Village Hall.

## FROM THE RECTORY DESK

Dear Friends,

This Sunday marks the beginning of Passiontide and our scripture readings from here on will reveal that storm clouds are gathering over



Jesus. In today's gospel however we find him in a safe house amongst friends in Bethany. A thanksgiving meal arranged no doubt to celebrate Jesus' amazing miracle raising Lazarus from the dead. Apart from a few practical domestic tensions, we get the impression that everyone was in party mood until Mary appears with a jar of expensive oil and anoints the feet of Jesus before drying them with her hair. For an unmarried woman to do such a thing was a violation of the cultural and social decorum of the day and another reason for antagonists to condemn Jesus who unequivocally commended her behaviour.

Most scholars would explain Mary's actions as an act of anointing Jesus before the grave, an expression of agapeic love from a heart that was one with Christ and his mission. Judas on the other hand contrasts starkly with Mary complaining that the expensive oil was wasted and could have been sold for the poor. A fair comment from a frugal minded treasurer but also a clear revelation that his heart was already turned against Jesus set firmly on betrayal and personal political ambitions.

Passiontide is all about discerning what motivates hearts, the hearts of those caught up in the drama of Holy Week and the Easter story, the sacred heart of the suffering Christ and our own hearts as we are called to respond to the unconditional sacrificial love of Jesus.

Passiontide Blessings,

Rector

## **Vision Day**

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>, the PCC and Ministry Team will be meeting with the Diocesan Mission Team at the Sands Church from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm to explore the seven marks of mission and enable discipleship for the churches in the United Parish. Only 4 parishes in the diocese have been chosen for this and we hope that our context of plural churches in a single parish will lend itself to establishing an example of how unity and diversity in discipleship and ministry can benefit our congregations through quantitative and qualitative church growth.

**Please pray for this important meeting and support all those who represent our church congregations. Many Thanks.**

## **EASTER FLOWERS AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PUTTENHAM**

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 01483 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 14<sup>th</sup> April.

### **LENT LUNCHESES**

**MONDAY 8 APRIL - CAROLINE YARNOLD**

**93 THE STREET, PUTTENHAM**

**Please contact the hostess to confirm.**

**01483 810564**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO SPW.**

**You are invited to**



**The Annual Meeting of Parishioners**

**(for the election of Wardens)**

**and**

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**(for the election of Deanery Synod**

**and PCC members and**

**to review the work of the PCC)**

**to be held at**

**Wanborough Village Hall**

**Wanborough GU3 2JR**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**7.30 pm**





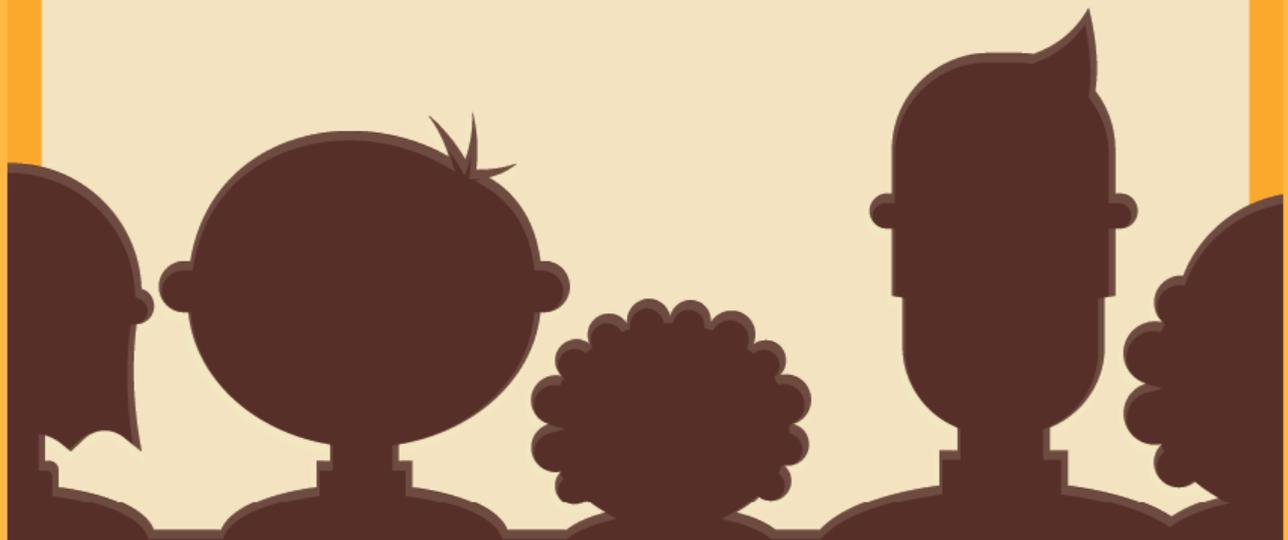
United Parish Present

Outdoor Cinema Night  
and BBQ!!!

# MOVIE NIGHT

Save the Date!

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019



More details to follow...



*THE SHEPHERD'S REST*



*ST. GEORGE'S DAY LUNCH  
TUESDAY, APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup>. 2019*

*12 .30 p.m.*

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