

Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough

SUNDAY Supplement

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Sunday 14th March – Mothering Sunday

Today's Services

10.30 am Holy Communion by Zoom

For all zoom services please use this link: [Church Services](#)

Or by phone - dial one of the following:

0203 901 7895 ; 0208 080 6591 or [Find your local number](#)

Meeting ID: 987 5792 9381 – Passcode 981857

Download Order of Service here:

[Zoom Communion Lent and Holy Week](#)

Today's Readings:

Morning: Exodus 2.1-10 ; Luke 2.33-35

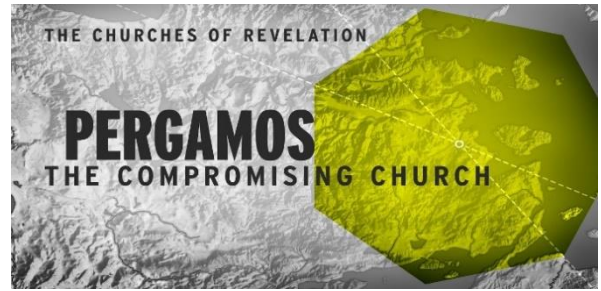
Prayer for this week

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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.**

FROM THE RECTORY DESK

Dear Friends,

Helen led us in a whistle-stop tour of the church at Pergamum in the third of our Lenten studies on the 7 churches of



Asia Minor. A Roman province since the 3rd century it had three temples for emperor worship and a temple to the God Zeus. A cultural city with a vast amphitheatre and library second to that at Alexandria. The economy was heavily dependent on mining the white marble stone. These white stones were used in the judicial system and conferred innocence and free citizenship status on individuals. The word Pergamos translates as “married to the high tower” which sums up the compromise of the church there to the world around it. A church unable to discern right from wrong, good, and evil. The Pergamum Christians wanted the best of all worlds enjoying the benefits of Roman citizenship and the pagan cults of Athena, Asklepios and especially Dionysius (God of drunken revelry) mixing such experiences with their Christian faith. They also followed the heretical and duplicitous teachings of Balaam (2 Peter 2:14-16) To this church Christ brings a sharp two-edged sword in judgment against it.

The message to the church at Pergamum echoes through the ages and is just as relevant today as it was then.

- The church is not to compromise its faith in favour of worldly ways
- Christians are not to make concessions when it comes to the name of Christ
- The church is called to be “salt and light” to the communities it serves
- The doctrines of the church must always challenge unorthodoxy and false teachings, cultures change but the doctrines of god never change.

Next time Philip will focus on the **WORLDLY** church at Thyatira

Lenten Blessings,

Rector

To the Angel of the church at Thyatira write:

To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. ¹⁹ I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first. ²⁰ Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. ²¹ I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. ²² So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. ²³ I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds. ²⁴ Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you, ²⁵ except to hold on to what you have until I come.' ²⁶ To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— ²⁷ that one 'will rule them with an iron sceptre and will dash them to pieces like pottery'— just as I have received authority from my Father. ²⁸ I will also give that one the morning star. ²⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

PRAYERS FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY



Thank you, God, for the love of our mothers:
thank you God for their care and concern;
thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;
thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;
thank you God for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We pray especially for all who find Mothering Sunday painful:

We pray for mothers who watch over children who are ill
and children who watch over their suffering mothers;
We remember mothers who are apart from their children
and mothers who grieve because their children have died.

For those who longed for children and who have none
For those without their mothers because of illness or death
And who, in their longing, know themselves to be alone;
For children who are abused or neglected,
For children missing their mothers on this day
And all who suffer the impact of family breakdown
We ask that you would be a light in the darkness.

Tender and compassionate God
surround us all in your loving embrace;
and hold us always in your care.



Hot off the press!

The SPWPCC have recently decided to re-open the churches at Seale and Puttenham for Sunday worship over alternate weeks, beginning with a service of HC (CW) on Passion Sunday at Seale. The usual Covid 19 restrictions and safety procedures will apply.

Maximum attendance 30. There will be a 6pm evening service by Zoom for those unable to attend.

CHURCH OPENING TIMINGS FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Seale and Puttenham churches every Wednesday 12.00 – 3.00 pm
Sands and Wanborough churches open every Tuesday 2.00 – 4.00pm and every Saturday 10.00 am - 12 noon



14th March (Mothering Sunday, 4th in Lent)

10:30am HC with Blessing of flowers (CW) Zoom Hosted.

Have your floral gifts ready to be blessed at the ZOOM service today.

16th Lent Studies 6pm Zoom hosted

21st March (Passion Sunday) 5th Sunday of Lent

10:30am HC (CW) St. Laurence Church Seale

23rd March NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION

On 23 March 2021, it will be one year since the first UK lockdown. Since then, millions of people have been bereaved, both because of Covid-19 and due to other causes. The restrictions we have all been living under have meant that many people have had to grieve without the comfort of having friends and family around them. Marie Curie, a charity which supports people around the event of a terminal diagnosis, has organised a National Day of Reflection to acknowledge grief and loss over the last year. The national Church of England is one of several organisations supporting it. Please pray with us on this day.



Covid 19 has reduced our church services but not our parish expenses so we would encourage you to keep your giving at a regular level so that we do not fall into debts. Anything extra you wish to give over and above your existing generosity would be gratefully received and considerably

help our church finances. There are three ways in which you can do this:

1. Send the money electronically to the Seale, Puttenham and Wanborough bank account, which is at Lloyds Bank, Farnham, sort code 30 93 20, account number 02210758, account name SPWPCC (it would be very helpful if you could add your name as a reference).
2. Send the money by post to Michael Thorpe, Treasurer, Delamere House, Greenacres, Runfold, GU10 1QH
3. Set up a monthly standing order to the above bank account. Michael will supply you with a Gift Aid form for any payments which you are kind enough to make.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

If you would like to change your regular Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) giving please write to: Parish Giving Scheme, 76 Kingsholm Road, Gloucester GL1 3BD or email to info@parishgiving.org.uk Or phone 0333 002 1260. It helps if the PGS reference number, which can be found below your address on PGS correspondence, is quoted. If you would like to start your regular Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), or have any questions about it, please contact Mike Cloughley, our PGS coordinator: Telephone number: 01252 782304 Email: cloughley@btinternet.com

Lent Appeal 2021



This year Bishop Andrew is making a Lent Appeal, asking parishes and individuals to make the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund the focus of our Lent giving. The Fund provides support to projects which reach out to the most vulnerable and marginalised in the diocese. The Coronavirus pandemic has meant that most fundraising events have been cancelled, so the Fund needs your support more than ever before. Find out more <http://ow.ly/92sY50DAmdA>

Please contact any member of the ministry team if you are anxious, lonely or would like a spiritual or social chat.

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