

*Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough*

# SUNDAY Supplement

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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday**

## **Today's Services**

**10.30 am** Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Puttenham

**6.00 pm** Virtual Evening Prayer 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:

[Virtual Evening Prayer](#)

## **Today's Readings:**

**Morning:** Mark 11.1-11 ; Psalm 118 ; Mark 14.1 – 15.47

**Evening:** Isaiah 5.1-7 ; Mark 12.1-12

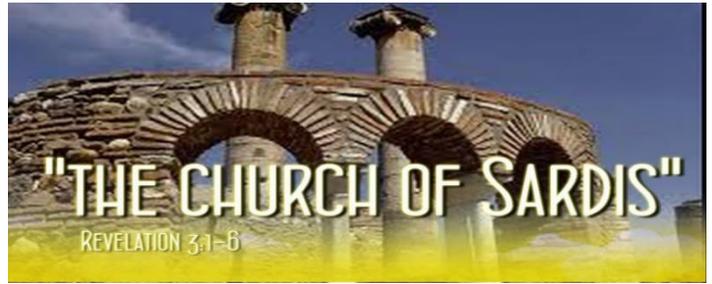
## **Prayer for this week**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
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,

Marcus explored Sardis the dead church in our Lenten talk last week. Sardis was once a great city with huge wealth made from gold and wool trading it was struck by an earthquake and invaded by persians which almost ruined the industry of the region. At the time of the letter to the church at Sardis the city was still welthy but degenerate. Though not given to heresy or apostacy, the church at Sardis was lifeless, lithargic and spiritually dead. There was no spirit of alertness or watchfulness and the mission of the Sardinian Christians had no salt and light. There was however a remnant that was praised by Jesus for upholding the faith and making a difference in their faithfulness for Christ.



We can take a few lessons from this apocalyptic church in history:

- Churches need the pentecostal experience to give life to its mission and worship
- Churches need to safeguard against a build up of dead dull orhodoxy that will kill its witness
- Churches are reminded that they are to be salt and light in any age of witness
- Congregations must be watchful and prayerfully discerning of the times they are in.
- Only the best will be received like holy incense to God on high and churches whilst not called to be perfect must give their very best on all they offer before the Lord

Next week Marion will explain the Christian virtues of the church at Philadelphia, the text is below.

Lenten Blessings,

Rector

## To the Church in Philadelphia

<sup>7</sup> “To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. <sup>8</sup> I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. <sup>9</sup> I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup> Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. <sup>12</sup> The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name. <sup>13</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

### 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

#### **28<sup>th</sup> March (Palm Sunday)**

10:30am HC (CW) St. John the Baptist  
Puttenham (MAX 30)

6:00pm EP Zoom Hosted

**30<sup>th</sup> March 6:00pm Lent Study Zoom hosted**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> April Maundy Thursday**

6:00pm HC (CW) Zoom hosted



## 2<sup>nd</sup> April Good Friday

2:00pm Virtual stations of the cross Zoom Hosted

## 4<sup>th</sup> April Easter Day

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

10:30am HC (CW) St. John the Baptist Puttenham (MAX 30)

6:00pm Compline Zoom hosted



**Wear a  
mask**

### **REMEMBER HELP US TO HELP YOU WHEN ATTENDING CHURCH IN PERSON BY OBSERVING THE FOLLOWING:**

- Sanitise on arrival and departure
- Always wear a mask
- Give your contact details when asked
- Sit in the areas marked with red and white tape as directed by the Churchwardens and stay there until the service ends
- Do not gather in groups before, during or after worship
- Do not gather outside the churches for social conversation
- Do not sing or hum with the music even if tempted to do so you will spread the virus if you are contagious and will not be aware of that if you are asymptomatic.
- When you make your responses do not shout or speak loudly
- Wear warm clothing because doors and windows will be kept open
- Take your service sheet away with you
- Drop your offering in the church plate on departure
- Keep to the maximum of thirty attendance rules



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.

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