

Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough

SUNDAY Supplement

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Sunday 30th May – Trinity Sunday

Today's Services

10.30 am Morning Service at St John the Baptist, Puttenham

10.30 am Holy Communion at St Laurence, Seale

6.00 pm Virtual Compline 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 Compline](#)

Today's Readings:

Morning: Romans 8.12-17 ; John 3.1-17

Evening: Ezekiel 1.4-10,22-28a

Prayer for this week

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
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,

The magnificent icon of the angels at the Oak of Mambre who came to visit Abraham (Genesis 18:1-8) is just one of the many images that portray the Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Nothing created by human minds will ever reveal this mystery of “One God in Three Persons”, but Andrei Rublev’s icon often called the “Hospitality of Abraham” is helpful in several ways and steers clear of many misinterpretations and even heretical images that are often made of the Trinity.



The silent communion of the three angels in eternal contemplation is the key feature of the painting and all three are arranged so that the lines of their bodies form a circle.

The figure on the left (God the Father) blesses the cup of the Eucharist from a distance as if to pass it to Jesus the figure in the centre. The figure in the centre (God the Son) has blue, brown and gold in his robe that represents Divinity, Humanity and Kingship. The green in the robe of God the Holy Spirit on the right, represents “new life”. Unity and love are inescapable themes in the Icon.

The chalice on the table contains a calf’s head, depicting sacrifice and crucifixion. In the background is the house of Abraham, the starting point for the epic Jewish journey of faith. The Oak tree representing the tree of life and Mount Moriah, symbolic of our spiritual journeying which is ascended with the help of God the Holy Spirit.

The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is essential to understanding the nature of God. You will not find the word “Trinity” in the bible but the doctrine of the Trinity is revealed in so many places and our salvation is welded to it.

Keep a blessed and holy Trinity,

Rector

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



30th May - Trinity Sunday

10.30 am Holy Communion (CW) - St. Laurence Seale

10.30 am Morning Service - St. John the Baptist Puttenham

6.00 pm Compline - Zoom Hosted

6th June - First Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am Morning Service - St. Laurence, Seale

10.30 am Holy Communion - (CW) St. John the Baptist, Puttenham

6.00 pm Evening Prayer - Zoom Hosted

Please note we are required by law to keep to our safe attendance numbers in both Seale and Puttenham churches that is 30 in each. Once we reach that number the Churchwardens will not be able to admit anymore to the congregation. You may be directed instead to stand outside, socially distanced in the churchyard. Please do not assemble outside the churchyard which is not permitted.



**Wear a
mask**

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

1. Sanitise on arrival and departure
2. Always wear a mask
3. Give your contact details when asked
4. Sit in the areas marked with red and white tape as directed by the Churchwardens and stay there until the service ends

5. Do not gather in groups before, during or after worship
6. Do not gather outside the churches for social conversation
7. 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.
8. When you make your responses do not shout or speak loudly
9. Wear warm clothing because doors and windows will be kept open
10. Take your service sheet away with you
11. Drop your offering in the church plate on departure
12. Keep to the maximum of thirty attendance



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



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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