

*Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough*

# SUNDAY Supplement

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**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity 1**

## Today's Services

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

**10.30 am** Morning Service at St Laurence, Seale

**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:** 2 Corinthians 4.13 - 5.1 ; Mark 3.20-35

**Evening:** Jeremiah 6.16-21 ; Romans 9.1-13

## Prayer for this week

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
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,

In the gospel reading today. We may be shocked that people accused Jesus of being insane, it seems even his own kith and kin were concerned about his behaviour. But why the alarm! It may be too naïve to suggest that the family and friends of Jesus were worried about his health and wellbeing, more accurate perhaps is the total lack of understanding about the nature of his ministry. They did not understand the priority of his mission. They did not understand the content of his preaching. They did not understand the radical challenges of his parables. They did not understand his unswerving commitment to the family of God



Jesus lived daily with such misunderstandings about who he was and what his discipleship was all about. He faced negativity and criticism even from those close to him. It is interesting to note in the passage of scripture how Jesus warns against the danger of committing unpardonable sins of the kind that damage the progress and reputation of what is pure and holy and what is sanctified by the work of the Holy Spirit. What was true in Jesus's time is no less true today.

There are sadly, many examples of members of church congregations who get offended for the smallest of things and then oppose the work of the Holy Spirit through their blatant dislike of the pastorate or worship traditions and who make their negativity and rebellion widely known to others in the church and community. Some even go so far as to invent lies about the leadership of the church citing even mental breakdown and ill-health as reasons to stop that ministry and end that mission. Be warned! As Jesus said some sins will never be forgiven and you will be held accountable. A tough scripture with a tough message and some very tough consequences.

Blessings,

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 – 4.00 pm

and every Saturday 10.00 am - 12 noon



### 6<sup>th</sup> 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

### 13<sup>th</sup> June - Second Sunday after Trinity

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

**10.30 am** Morning Service - St. John the Baptist, Puttenham with Baptism

**12 noon** Holy Baptism - St. John the Baptist, Puttenham

**6.00 pm** Compline - 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:

- 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



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](mailto: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](mailto: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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