

Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough

SUNDAY Supplement

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Sunday 31st October – Last Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services

10.30 am United Holy Communion (CW) at St John the Baptist, Puttenham

4.00 pm All Souls Candle Vigil at St Laurence, Seale



Today's Readings

Morning: HC: Revelation 21.1-6a ; John 11.32-44

Evening: CV: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ;

Prayer for this week

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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,

We begin our season of remembering with a candle vigil for the faithful departed. This service at St. Laurence Church will be a mixture of sadness and expectant hope as we name before God our loved ones now departed this life.

“Expectant hope” because we gather and share our grief in the context of a message from the New Testament that unequivocally states life does not end with death, it is never a full stop but rather a comma a close of the chapter of terrestrial existence and the beginning of an eternity of celestial life.

The key that opens this life beyond the grave is the mystery of the resurrection of Jesus, I say mystery, because only a God of intense love for his creation could allow his sinless son to die such a cruel death for the cancellation of all our human sins and failings.

The glorious news is that the sinless nature of the sacrificial Christ has cancelled the death sentence that has haunted mankind since the beginning of time, when paradise was truly lost transforming it instead to a time when paradise is truly found.

Jesus said I am “the way the truth and the life” and with this promise today in our hearts and minds we can sorrow naturally because the pain of separation is heavy, but we can also pray with confidence that our kith and kin are safe in the everlasting arms of Jesus until the great trumpet call at the end of the age will beckon us all before our Judge and King.

May the Peace of the lord be always with you.

Prayerfully and expectantly,

Rector



We are delighted to welcome you at worship in our four churches, but we are mindful that Covid cases are increasing as we approach the winter season so please help us stay Covid safe by observing the following:

- *Please use the sanitising gel*
- *Please wear a mask if you want to sing hymns*
- *Please sit a safe distance from others*
- *Please don't physically share the peace*
- *Please give your name for test and trace*
- *Please put your collection in the retiring plate*
- *Please move around as directed by the Churchwardens*

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Choirs please note – no practice this week.



Service next Sunday – 7th November

3 before Advent

- 9.00 am** Holy Communion (CW) at St Bartholomew, Wanborough
- 10.30 am** Morning Prayer at St Laurence, Seale
- 10.30 am** Holy Communion (CW) at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
- 6.00 pm** Virtual Evening Prayer by Zoom

FUTURE DATES:

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| Thursday 11 November | 7.00 pm | Choir Practice at Puttenham |
| Thursday 18 November | 2.30 pm | Choir Practice at Puttenham |
| Thursday 25 November | 7.00 pm | Choir Practice at Puttenham |
| Friday 26 November | 7.00 pm | Singing recital with Francis Melville and friends at St John the Baptist, Puttenham (see webpage and flyers for details) |
| Saturday 27 November | 12.00 pm | Bric-a-Brac Sale at The Good Shepherd, The Sands |



Please contact the Rector if you are unable to attend church and would like communion at home.

CLEANING ROTA FOR SEALE AND SANDS CHURCH

If you can join us for one hour a month on a cleaning rota for the above churches then we would very much value your help. Please contact Ann (01252 782873) or Elaine (01252 782331) for further details of how to volunteer.



A bric-a-brac sale will be held in The Sands Church on Saturday 27 November from 12.00 – 2.00 pm, the profits which will go towards SPW.

On Friday 26 November at 3.00 pm, the church will be open to receive the donations - set up the tables and to price the articles for the event.

If you could possibly help on either of the days, or both! it would be gratefully appreciated.

HOW TO GIVE GENEROUSLY TO YOUR CHURCH

1. Send your gift 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 immensely 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.



Offering Envelopes



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:

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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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