

*Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough*

# SUNDAY Supplement

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**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Second Sunday of Advent**

## Today's Services

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

For all zoom services please use this link: [Church Services](#), then enter  
Passcode: 981857

Or by phone - dial one of the following: 0203 901 7895 ; 0208 080 6591

Meeting ID: 987 5792 9381 – then enter Passcode 981857, followed by # when  
asked (you may need to repeat the last step)

Download Order of Service here: [Virtual Evening Prayer](#)

## Today's Readings

- Morning:** HC: Philippians 1.3-11 ; Luke 3.1-6  
MP: Isaiah 64.1-7 ; Matthew 11.2-11  
**Evening:** EP: Isaiah 40.1-11 ; Luke 1.1-25

## Prayer for this week

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FROM THE RECTORY DESK

Dear Friends,

The past few weeks have been busy as we target funds to support Mission and Ministry. We are grateful to those who organised Concerts, Bric-a-Brac and a wonderful Christmas Fair. Every pound will help us sustain the future of our churches and keep ministry solidly represented at a time when so many parishes are being dissolved or passed over to larger parishes.



We have several projects to complete in the new year including the Clock at Seale church which requires a new winding mechanism at a cost of £2340 plus vat for a manual system double that for an automatic system.

The floodlighting at Seale church is expensive to run and we are exploring eco friendly lighting which will be less expensive long term. The retaining wall on the East end of the churchyard will require extensive repair and tenders are out for this specialist work. The exposed wall at Puttenham church requires safety fencing and work to the tracery window and tower pointing needs urgent attention.

We appreciate any help that we can receive for maintenance work on any of the above projects from our church FRIENDS and by any donations that you may feel inspired to give.

Finally, our theme of waiting during Advent is picked up with John the Baptist who came expecting the Messiah and called the people to prepare to receive him. May our hearts be filled with excited preparation as we await his second coming and the celebration of his physical birth at Christmas.

Advent blessings,

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*



### **GIFTS FOR THE CAROLS AND GIFTING SERVICES**

*We are collecting flour, rice, chickpeas, lentils salt and soap at the Gifting Service at St. Laurence Church on 12<sup>th</sup> December and children's toys gift wrapped aged 2-12 for the Gifting Service at St. John the Baptist on 19<sup>th</sup> December. Please leave your gifts with the Churchwardens at each church.*

### **DIARY FOR THE WEEK**

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	2 – 4.30 pm	Tower Café at Puttenham, <i>and every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in the month.</i>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Choir Practice at Puttenham

#### **Service next Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **Third Sunday of Advent**

<b>9.00 am</b>	Morning Prayer at The Good Shepherd, The Sands
<b>10.30 am</b>	Carol & Gifting Service at St Laurence, Seale
<b>10.30 am</b>	Holy Communion (CW) at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
<b>6.00 pm</b>	Virtual Compline by Zoom

### **FUTURE DATES:**

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30 pm	Choir Practice at Puttenham
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Carols and Readings at St Bartholomew, Wanborough.



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

### **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](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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**UNDER GDPR rules we need permission to name verbally or in print anyone who is ill and needs our prayers, so please let us know if we can pray for you.**



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