

Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough

# SUNDAY Supplement

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Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Baptism of Christ



## Today's Services

- 9.00 am** Morning Prayer at St Bartholomew, Wanborough  
**10.30 am** Morning Prayer at St John the Baptist, Puttenham  
**10.30 am** Holy Communion (CW) 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: 2022

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

Meeting ID: 2733 143334 – then enter Passcode 2022, 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: Acts 8.14-17 ; Luke 3.15-17,21,22  
MP: Isaiah 42.1-9 ; Acts 19.1-7  
**Evening:** C: Isaiah 55.1-11 ; Romans 6.1-11

## Prayer for this week

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
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,



Many of our church fonts have eight sides, the eighth side ties in with the 8th day after Jesus was born and on which he was circumcised into the covenant of Abraham. It also symbolises that baptism is all about a new creation. This idea of entering into a solemn covenant with God is no longer by blood but through the waters of Baptism in which there is a symbolic dying to self and a rising to new life refreshed and renewed in the life of Jesus in other words a regeneration. Romans 6:2-4 states that baptism is an actual participation in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. It is not merely a sign, seal, or symbol.

Jesus himself submitted to baptism at the hands of John the Baptist and the full representation of the divine trinity was present at his baptism. The voice of God the Father, the presence of Jesus as God the Son and the overshadowing by the dove as a sign of the presence of God the Holy Spirit.

Baptism then is also Trinitarian and Parents, Godparents or even the candidate makes a credal statement to that end. Baptism is ecclesial in that the baptised are grafted into membership of the church, the body of Christ. The welcoming of each candidate into the church can only be fully recognised in the presence of the worshipping community, which is why it is important that where possible baptism take place in the gathered church community.

Blessings,

Rector



**We are delighted to welcome you at worship in our four churches, latest legislation makes the wearing of face masks mandatory at church services, please help us stay safe from Covid transmission by observing the following:**

- *Please use the sanitising gel*
- *Please wear a mask and keep it on especially when hymn singing*
- *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 Churchwarden*
- *Please take a lateral flow test at home if you can and act on the result*



Please note the United Service on the 30<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am will be held at St John the Baptist, Puttenham, and not at Wanborough as advertised in the Village News.



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



The PCC will meet on 26<sup>th</sup> January, please pray for all members in the deliberation of church business.



We are having a post-Christmas clean up in St Laurence Church, Seale. Anyone is welcome to join us, the date is Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January from 9 am until 12 noon. Just bring mops, dusters and polish if you can. Look forward to seeing you all. Many thanks, Churchwardens.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan      2.30 pm      Choir Practice at Puttenham

**(Please note: Choir Practice reverts to Tuesdays from today)**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2.00 to 4.30 pm      Tower Café at St John the Baptist, Puttenham



### Services next Sunday – 16<sup>th</sup> January

### Epiphany 2

**9.00 am**      Morning Prayer at The Good Shepherd, The Sands

**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 Compline by Zoom

## FUTURE DATES

Tuesday 18 Jan      7.00 pm      Choir Practice at Puttenham

Tuesday 25 Jan      2.30 pm      Choir Practice at Puttenham

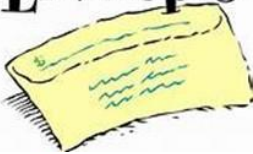
Wednesday 26 Jan      PCC Meeting



## 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.**



**SAFEGUARDING AND DBS OFFICER**

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