

Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough

SUNDAY Supplement

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Sunday 6th March – First Sunday of Lent

Today's Services

9.00 am Morning Prayer at The Good Shepherd, The Sands

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 Compline, 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 Compline](#)

Today's Readings

Morning:	HC:	Romans 10.8b-13 ; Luke 4.1-13
	MP:	Psalm 50.1-15 ; Micah 6.1-8 ; Luke 5.27-39
Evening:	C:	Luke 18.9-14

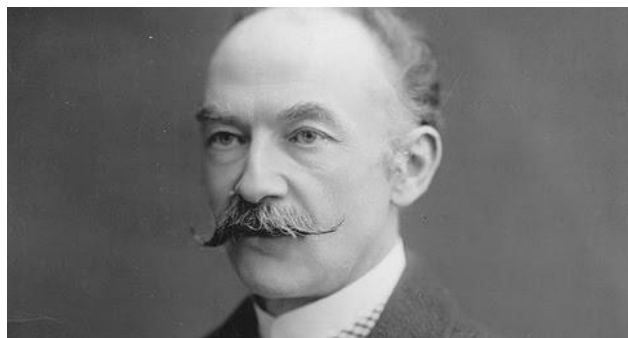
Prayer for this week

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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,

Godly inspiration is what we seek from our six Lenten Poems. The first from Thomas Hardy is included in this edition of the SS. I would recommend reading the poem through quickly at first and then more reflectively, noting anything that jumps out to you that may have a religious or spiritual meaning. The idea is to get a sense of what the poem means to you. The following questions may be helpful.



What is the poem about? What clues are in the title?

How is it written sometimes known as the genre: ballad, elegy, sonnet, ode etc. Any figures of speech that give it away e.g., metaphor, repetition, personification, simile, alliteration etc.

Are there any underlining political, social, philosophical, or religious ideas evident in the poem?

Is there a sense of spiritual continuity in the lines of the poem or just the occasional reference?

What is the mood of the poem? Bathos, pathos, comedy, mysterious, hopeful etc. Typically, the poems of RS Thomas lean towards darkness, even melancholy, whereas those of Chaucer are often riddled with satire.

Does the poem say anything to you about Lent?

What kind of God is represented in the wording of the poem?

What can we learn about the poem from the life of the writer? a little google assistance could help here.

These are just a few ways we can begin to challenge the poem and try to form a view on what we are reading. Remember there are no right or wrong interpretations just yours and mine. Finally, commit your findings to God in prayer. I Look forward to discussing your thoughts on Zoom that we may grow together on our Lenten journey.

Lenten Blessings,

Rector

SURVIEW

"Cogitavi vias meas"

A cry from the green-grained sticks of the fire
Made me gaze where it seemed to be:
'Twas my own voice talking therefrom to me
On how I had walked when my sun was higher —
My heart in its arrogance.

" You held not to whatsoever was true,"
Said my own voice talking to me:
" Whatsoever was just you were slack to see;
Kept not things lovely and pure in view,"
Said my own voice talking to me.

" You slighted her that endureth all,"
Said my own voice talking to me;
" Vaunteth not, trusteth hopefully;
That suffereth long and is kind withal,"
Said my own voice talking to me.

" You taught not that which you set about,"
Said my own voice talking to me;
" That the greatest of things is Charity. . . ."
— And the sticks burnt low, and the fire went out,
And my voice ceased talking to me.

THOMAS HARDY



In our Prayers:

The people of the Ukraine and all those caught up in war.



The government has lifted most Covid restrictions in England, though infection rates are still high. We would advise a common sense approach to keep each other safe in our congregations. It may help if:

- *We continue to use the sanitising gel*
- *We wear a mask if it feels safer to do so*
- *We sit at a sensible distance from others especially at larger gatherings*



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



DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Tues 8 th March	7.00 pm	Choir Practice at Puttenham
Wed 9 th March	2.00 – 4.30 pm	Tower Café at St John the Baptist, Puttenham (and every 2 nd Wednesday of the month)
	6.00 pm	Lent Studies by Zoom: "Finding God in Lenten Poems"

Services next Sunday – 13th March

The Second Sunday of Lent

9.00 am	Holy Communion (CW) 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

FUTURE DATES

Tuesday 15 th March	2.30 pm	Choir Practice at Puttenham
Wednesday 16 th March	6.00 pm	Lent Studies by Zoom: "Finding God in Lenten Poems"
Saturday 19 th March	10.00 am	Spring Tidy-up in Seale Churchyard

Tuesday 22 nd March	7.00 pm	Choir Practice at Puttenham
Wednesday 23 rd March	6.00 pm	Lent Studies by Zoom: "Finding God in Lenten Poems"
Tuesday 29 th March	2.30 pm	Choir Practice at Puttenham
Wednesday 30 th March	6.00 pm	Lent Studies by Zoom: "Finding God in Lenten Poems"
Saturday 2 nd April	11.00 am	Wedding Preparation Day* at St Laurence, Seale.

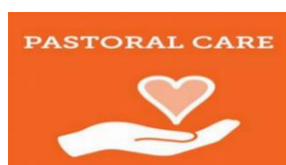
*This is for all those who have applied for marriage at SPW and for those considering marriage in 2023.



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.

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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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