

Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough

# SUNDAY Supplement

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Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Third 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 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: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 ; Luke 13.1-9  
MP: Psalm 63.1-9 ; Deuteronomy 6.4-9 ; John 17.1-19  
**Evening:** EP: Genesis 28.10-19 ; John 1.35-51

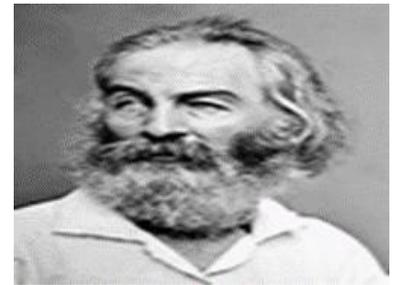
## Prayer for this week

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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,

Last Wednesday, Christopher provided us with insight into the somewhat challenging poem by Edward Thomas entitled "The Glory" Our next poem for Lent is by the American poet Walt Whitman. We welcome your thoughts on his poem "miracles" join us on Wednesday and be part of our discussion.



SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS. We all enjoy the shared ministry of intercessory prayer at our church services, and it is a privilege to be invited to lead the prayers. This ministry is not the prerogative of clergy and readers only however as leaders of worship they will always make intercession when no one else is available. All Christians have a calling to prayer and members of the congregation are encouraged to take part. You don't have to craft prayers of your own or make the experience onerous, the set prayers in the liturgy for the day be it Holy Communion or at Morning and Evening offices are perfectly adequate and only require a brief note of any relevant additional reference points you may wish to add. If you are comfortable with creating your own prayers, then please do so remembering to keep to the established format;

1. The Church of Christ;
2. Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority.
3. The local community.
4. Those who suffer.
5. The communion of saints.

It is useful to remember that intercessions, are not a 'shopping list' of concerns, nor are they a news report or an opportunity to express a personal opinion which might not be shared by others; they are appeals to God who already knows the prayers on our hearts. So do sign up to the prayer rota and let us enrich one another in this important ministry.

Lenten Blessings,

Rector



### In our Prayers:

The people of the Ukraine and all those caught up in war, and for relief agencies especially: [DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal](#) and [USPG & Diocese in Europe Emergency Appeal](#)

## MIRACLES

Why, who makes much of a miracle?  
As to me I know of nothing else but miracles,  
Whether I walk the streets of Manhattan,  
Or dart my sight over the roofs of houses toward the sky,  
Or wade with naked feet along the beach just in the edge  
of the water,  
Or stand under trees in the woods,  
Or talk by day with any one I love - or sleep in the bed at  
night with any one I love,  
Or sit at table at dinner with my mother,  
Or look at strangers opposite me riding in the car,  
Or watch honey-bees busy around the hive of a  
summer forenoon,  
Or animals feeding in the fields,  
Or birds, or the wonderfulness of insects in the air,  
Or the wonderfulness of the sundown, or of stars shining  
so quiet and bright,  
Or the exquisite delicate thin curve of the new moon in spring;  
Or whether I go among those I like best, and that like me best—mechanics,  
boatmen, farmers,  
Or among the savans—or to the *soirée*—or to the opera.  
Or stand a long while looking at the movements of machinery,  
Or behold children at their sports,  
Or the admirable sight of the perfect old man, or the perfect old woman,  
Or the sick in hospitals, or the dead carried to burial,  
Or my own eyes and figure in the glass;  
These with the rest, one and all, are to me miracles,  
The whole referring, yet each distinct and in its place.

To me every hour of the light and dark is a miracle,  
Every cubic inch of space is a miracle,  
Every square yard of the surface of the earth is spread with the same,  
Every foot of the interior swarms with the same.

To me the sea is a continual miracle,  
The fishes that swim—the rocks—the motion of the waves—the  
ships with men in them,  
What stranger miracles are there?

Walt Whitman (1819 – 1892)

**A Prayer for Ukraine** *God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.*



**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 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	7.00 pm	Choir Practice at Puttenham
Wed 23 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00 pm	Lent Studies by Zoom: "Finding God in Lenten Poems"

<b>Services next Sunday – 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)</b>
<b>9.00 am</b>	Morning Prayer at St Bartholomew, Wanborough
<b>10.30 am</b>	Mothering Sunday Communion with Clypping, at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
<b>10.30 am</b>	Mothering Sunday Service St Laurence, Seale
<b>6.00 pm</b>	Virtual Evening Prayer, by Zoom

**FUTURE DATES**

Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30 pm	Choir Practice at Puttenham
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00 pm	Lent Studies by Zoom: "Finding God in Lenten Poems"
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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)

**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.**



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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