

Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough

SUNDAY Supplement

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Sunday 27th March –Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday

Today's Services

- 9.00 am** Morning Prayer at St Bartholomew, Wanborough
10.30 am Mothering Sunday Communion with Clypping the church at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
10.30 am Mothering Sunday Service 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: 81259506242 – 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: Colossians 3.12-17 ; Luke 2.33-35
MP: Psalm 127.1-4 ; Genesis 37.3-4,12-36 ; 1 Peter 2.16-25
Evening: C: John 11.17-44

Prayer for this week

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living, that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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,

The fourth Sunday in Lent and a day of refreshment in the Lenten season as we celebrate and give thanks for mothers.



Mother church, the Mother of Christ and our own mothers living or departed are the focus of our prayers today. Take time to reflect on these themes as we worship together in the gathered community. Our hearts and thoughts embrace all mothers in the Ukraine separated from family and friends and whose menfolk fight on for freedom and peace in the country they love.

The people of the Ukraine have a long association with the Blessed Virgin Mary it was Yaroslav the Wise in 1037 who dedicated Ukraine to the most Holy Mother of God. Since then, she has appeared to the people of the Ukraine at different times in their history and in different places. She has expressed her love for the people and warned of times of war and persecution. Not surprisingly the Ukrainian people honour and respect her as their patron, many soldiers even carry a patch image of her on their fatigues. She is a very real icon of hope in these devastating times.

If you have been following our Lenten Poems, then our last poem by Walt Whitman challenged us to an understanding of "miracles" Whitman believed all of life to be a miracle following in a natural order. Some might agree with that but when we turn to the bible then we are confronted with many miracles that defy the natural and can only be described as supernatural. There are many testimonies to the power of the miraculous amongst Christian believers. Some people take the view that a miracle needs further explanation and more knowledge to understand it then it will not be a miracle. For me the greatest miracle of all is Easter, hallelujah he is Risen!

Our next poem is by the Scottish poet, Edwin Muir entitled "One foot in Eden still I stand". Enjoy and share it with us next Wednesday.

Thanks to all those who helped to tidy up the churchyard at Seale: Bob & Ann Payne, Dom & Sue Whittle, Colin Chalker, Chris Grundy, we valued your help and the churchyard is full of spring pride.

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](#)

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



DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Tue 29 th March	2.30 pm	Choir Practice at Puttenham
Wed 30 th March	6.00 pm	Lent Studies by Zoom: "Finding God in Lenten Poems"

Services next Sunday – 3rd April

Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.00 am	Holy Communion (CW) 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

FUTURE DATES

Sat 2nd 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.

Tue 5th April 7.00 pm Choir Practice at Puttenham

Sat 9th April 12 noon A service of thanksgiving for the life of Jean Ford at St John the Baptist, Puttenham. All who knew her are welcome to attend

Tue 12th April 2.30 pm Choir Practice at Puttenham

Wed 13th April 2.00 – 4.30 pm Tower Café at Puttenham (and every 2nd Wed in month)

ONE FOOT IN EDEN



One foot in Eden still, I stand
And look across the other land.
The world's great day is growing late,
Yet strange these fields that we have planted
So long with crops of love and hate.
Time's handiworks by time are haunted,
And nothing now can separate
The corn and tares compactly grown.
The armorial weed in stillness bound
About the stalk; these are our own.
Evil and good stand thick around
In the fields of charity and sin
Where we shall lead our harvest in.

Yet still from Eden springs the root
As clean as on the starting day.
Time takes the foliage and the fruit
And burns the archetypal leaf
To shapes of terror and of grief
Scattered along the winter way.
But famished field and blackened tree
Bear flowers in Eden never known.
Blossoms of grief and charity
Bloom in these darkened fields alone.
What had Eden ever to say
Of hope and faith and pity and love
Until was buried all its day
And memory found its treasure trove?
Strange blessings never in Paradise
Fall from these beclouded skies.

Edwin Muir



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



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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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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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