

Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough

SUNDAY Supplement

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Sunday 23rd^h October – Last Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services

- 9.00 am** Holy Communion and Blessing of Bibles at The Good Shepherd, The Sands
- 10.30 am** Morning Prayer at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
- 10.30 am** "Saints of Light" pumpkin 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: 2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18 ; Luke 18.9-14
MP: Psalm 119.105-128 ; Isaiah 59.9-20 ; Luke 14.1-14
- Evening:** C: 2 Timothy 2.1-7

Prayer for this week

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
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,

On Wednesday, the Bible Fellowship group will meet at the Sands church and engage in constructive conversation around selected texts from the Holy Bible. This is a great way to learn new things about the meaning of scripture and to refresh some familiar understandings. The Bible remains the best-selling book in the world available in so many languages it is truly inspirational and the best way that God communicates with us. Sadly, the Bible is also one of the least read books and a recent survey revealed that less than 60% of Christians read their Bibles.



There are so many different translations available now, some are better than others remaining very close to the original Hebrew and Greek writings others have attempted to be more colloquial with some questionable textual interpretations. The King James Bible remains popular, the traditional language commanding a respect and dignity, however this version does not benefit from the discoveries and importance of the Dead Sea Scrolls found in a cave around 1946 at Qumran and more recent scholarly analysis. Most of the copies of the Dead Sea Scrolls are texts from the Hebrew Scriptures for example the Book of Enoch, the Book of Jubilees, the Book of Tobit, the Wisdom of Sirach and Psalms 153-156 are from the second temple period. These books were never canonized, There are also writings from Jewish sectarian groups including the Peshar on Habakkuk.

Whatever translation of the Bible suits you best, we shall be blessing bibles at the 9am service in the Church of the Good Shepherd today and you are welcome to bring your bible to the service. Finally, don't forget our Saints of Light pumpkin service at Seale and the Imperial College Chamber Choir Concert at SJB Puttenham.

Blessings

Rector

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

The united Harvest Lunch was a splendid event with delicious food and drinks and great fellowship and fun. Thanks to Ann Payne and Elaine Whittle for organising it, the Hampton Estate for hosting us at myrtles, all those who made deserts and contributed in so many ways. Your generosity provided a good stock of harvest foods which was given to the Elstead food bank.



In our Prayers

Bishop Jo appointed as Bishop of Episcopal ministry in the Anglican Community

Churchwardens training day on 5th November

Escalating conflict in Ukraine

The Government as it seeks a new prime minister

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 feel free to do the following if you are vulnerable or concerned about possible infection in a gathered community:

- Continue to use the sanitising gel
- Wear a mask if it feels safer to do so
- Sit at a sensible distance from others, especially at larger gatherings.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sat 22 Oct	4.30 pm	Imperial College Chamber Choir Concert at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
Tue 25 Oct	2.30 pm	Choir practice at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
Wed 26 Oct	2.30 pm	Bible Reading Fellowship at The Good Shepherd, The Sands
Sat 29 Oct	10.00 am	Churchyard Tidy-up at St Laurence, Seale



Services next Sunday –30th October

4 before Advent

10.30 am United Holy Communion at The Good Shepherd, The Sands

4.00 pm All Souls' Vigil Service at St Laurence, Seale

6.00 pm Virtual Evening Prayer, by Zoom

FUTURE DATES

Tue 1 Nov	7.00 pm	Choir practice at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
Tue 8 Nov	2.30 pm	Choir practice at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
Wed 9 Nov	2.00 – 4.30 pm	Tower Café at St John the Baptist, Puttenham (and every second Wednesday of the month)



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



GIFTING TO THE CHURCH

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Please contact any member of the ministry team if you are anxious, lonely or would just like a spiritual or social chat.

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