



Sunday 30th October – 4 before Advent

Today's Services

- 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

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 Evening Prayer](#)

Today's Readings

- Morning:** HC: 2 Thessalonians 1.1-12 ; Luke 19.1-10
Evening: EP: Lamentations 3.22-33 ; John 11.[1-31]32-44

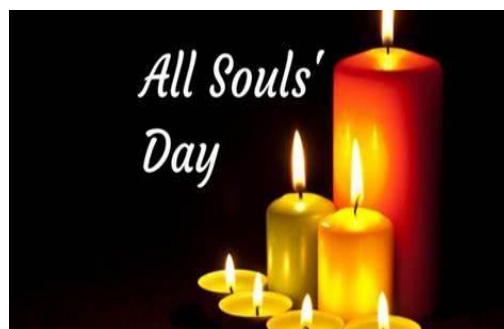
Prayer for this week

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love
in the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
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 Commemoration of the Faithful Departed or All Souls Day is a solemn feast day in which we remember our loved ones departed this life and falls on the last day of All Hallows. Remembering by name the deceased and the lighting of memory candles is a key part of the service. Underpinning the idea of a vigil for the dead is the strong sense in which the church on earth is in communion with the saints in heaven and the resurrection of Christ is the eternal hope we have of life after death. Both doctrines are cited in the credal statement in Anglican liturgy and to which all orthodox Christians subscribe.



All Souls is a time when we are confronted with our own creatureliness, our own mortality, as the Prayer Book reminds us: "In the midst of life we are in death". Death is nothing to be feared though when we are contingent on God the giver of life, when we place our trust and confidence in the promises of Jesus who said "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" With this reassurance we can light our candles in thanksgiving for our loved ones departed and know that the light of Christ represented by each candle can never be extinguished not even by the darkness of death.

In anticipation of the Feast of All Souls on 2nd November, we offer our prayers for these our brothers and sisters now departed. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory with Christ. Amen.

Blessings,

Rector

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

The Imperial College Chamber Choir gave an outstanding performance of Sacred Song at Puttenham church last Saturday choreographed by Luke Melville, there was a variety of classical and contemporary songs from English and European composers. The proceeds from the concert were shared equally with the ICC and the Church. Our thanks to Sarah Melville for generously organising the concert with the inclusion of delightful canapés by Robyn.



In our Prayers

The repose of the soul of Peter McGregor

Deanery Synod 16th November

School Governors and staff at Puttenham CofE School

Escalating conflict in Ukraine and Israel

The newly appointed UK prime minister and cabinet

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

Tue 1 Nov	7.00 pm	Choir practice at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
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Services next Sunday –6th November

3 before Advent

9.00 am	Holy Communion at St Bartholomew, Wanborough
10.30 am	Morning Prayer at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
10.30 am	Holy Communion at St Laurence, Seale
6.00 pm	Virtual Evening Prayer, by Zoom

FUTURE DATES

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)
Tue 15 Nov	7.00 pm	Choir practice at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
Wed 16 Nov		Deanery Synod at Busbridge Church
Tue 22 Nov	2.30 pm	Choir practice at St John the Baptist, Puttenham



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



GIFTING TO THE CHURCH

BY BANK TRANSFER OR STANDING ORDER: to the SPWPCC bank account, which is at Lloyds Bank, Farnham, sort code 30 93 20, account number 02210758, (do include your name for reference).

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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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