

Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough

SUNDAY Supplement

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Sunday 12th March – The Third Sunday of Lent

Today's Services

- 9.00 am** Holy Communion at The Good Shepherd, The Sands
10.30 am Morning Prayer at St Laurence, Seale
10.30 am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
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: Romans 5.1-11 ; John 4.5-42
MP: Psalm 46 ; Amos 7.10-17 ; 2 Corinthians 1.1-11
- Evening:** C: John 2.13-22

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,

On March 17th we remember Patrick, the great saint of Ireland. One of the most successful Christian missionaries in history. He is credited with expanding literacy in Ireland through the monastic orders he established, revising and codifying the Brehon Laws, and converting the country to Christianity. As a Roman citizen of Britannica, he was known as Patricius) who was captured by pirates at the age of sixteen and sold into slavery in Ireland. He escaped back to Britain, became ordained as a bishop, and returned to the land of his captivity as a missionary in c. 432/433.



The monasteries he founded or encouraged became centres of literacy and learning, sprawling universities devoted to knowledge, which would in time serve to collect and preserve the written record of western civilization after the fall of Rome. The Roman Empire had never invaded Ireland and so the land was relatively unaffected by its fall. In the Christian monasteries of Ireland the great written works of the past were copied and preserved for future generations. Through his vision and mission, St. Patrick changed not only Ireland, but the world.

He was not the first Christian missionary to Ireland but is the most famous. He made a huge influence on the laws and culture of Ireland, championing the causes of women, the poor, and slaves while conferring with kings and nobles. He is celebrated on 17 March; he is one of three patron saints of Ireland along with St. Brigid and St. Columba. His great poem known as Saint Patrick's Breastplate is a well-known spiritual prayer and a soul friend for Lent.

Christ be with me, Christ within me
Christ behind me, Christ before me
Christ beside me, Christ to win me
Christ to comfort me and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.

(390-461 A.D.)

Blessings,

Rector



Snow and Ice challenging many people in UK
The people of Ireland
Appointing a new bishop of Dorking
The police forces serving in the UK

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.

**STAY
SAFE!**

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

Mon 13th Mar 6.00 pm Lent Reflections, at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.

Tue 14th Mar 2.30 pm Choir Practice, at St John the Baptist, Puttenham.



FUTURE EVENTS

Services next Sunday – 19th March

- 9.00 am** Holy Communion at St Bartholomew, Wanborough
- 10.30 am** Holy Communion at St Laurence, Seale
- 10.30 am** A Service of Flowers at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
- 6.00 pm** Virtual Compline, by Zoom

Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)

- Tue 21st Mar 7.00 pm Choir Practice, at St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
- Sat 25th Mar 10.00 am – noon Churchyard Tidy-Up at St Laurence, Seale.
- Tue 28th Mar 2.30 pm Choir Practice, at St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
- Wed 29th Mar 2.00 pm Studies in the Gospel of St John, at St Laurence, Seale.



Please contact the Rector if you are unable to attend church and would like to receive 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).

BY CHEQUE: Send to the Treasurer, c/o The Rectory, Elstead Road, Seale, Farnham, GU10 1JA. Contact the Churchwardens for Gift Aid forms and increase the value of your giving.

CONTACTLESS: now available at Seale, Puttenham and Wanborough.

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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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