

Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough

SUNDAY Supplement

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Sunday 26th March –The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Today's Services

- 9.00 am** Morning Prayer 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 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: Romans 8.6-11 ; John 11.1-45
MP: Psalm 86 ; Jeremiah 31.27-37 ; John 12.20-33
- Evening:** EP: Exodus 8:1-19 ; Matthew 20.17-34

Prayer for this week

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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,

You will have noticed the banners and posters at Seale and Puttenham churches recruiting bell-ringers. An open day to visit the towers and discuss



all matters campanology has been arranged for Saturday 15th April 10am until 12 noon at St. Laurence church Seale. This is a great opportunity to explore and hopefully join one of the teams of ringers who will train you to make the most holy and loudest noise in the villages. Give it a go, details on the posters.

Our Lent reflections on the Icons of passiontide and Easter conclude on Monday with Icons on the ascension of Christ. We have enjoyed sharing our thoughts about each of the different icons and linking them with the relevant gospel texts. We have discovered the importance of religious art as a useful medium to capture the mind in understanding some of the deeper spiritual meanings of those last days of Christ's earthly dwelling amongst us. Thank you to all those who have participated and enriched our time together.

We are also getting many blessings from our study of the Gospel of John. We meet on the last Wednesday of the month at St. Laurence Seale at 2.00pm. Our next focus will be on Chapter 4, you are welcome to join our informal discussion group as we work our way through this inspiring Gospel. Digging deeper into the Bible prepares us well for the lectionary readings which we listen to at our regular Sunday services.

Finally as summer time officially begins it is time for a clean up in our churchyards. If you can spare an hour or two a month, then look out for the organised tidy-up dates your help is appreciated.

Lenten Blessings,

Rector



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Prison officers and governors
Local councillors and MPs
Increased interest rates and the impact on those
with mortgages

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

Mon 27 th Mar	6.00 pm	Lent Reflections, at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Tue 28 th Mar	2.30 pm	Choir Practice at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
Wed 29 th Mar	2.00 pm	Studies in the Gospel of St John, at St Laurence, Seale.



Services next Sunday – 2nd April

Palm Sunday

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

Thursday 6th April

Maundy Thursday

- 6.00 pm** Holy Communion & Stripping the Altar, followed by Watch, at St John the Baptist, Puttenham

Friday 7th April

Good Friday

- 10.00 am** Stations of the Cross, at The Good Shepherd, The Sands
- 2.00 pm** Devotional Service, at St Laurence, Seale

FUTURE EVENTS

Tue 4 th Apr	7.00 pm	Choir Practice at St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
Tue 11 th Apr	2.30 pm	Choir Practice at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
Sat 15 th Apr	10.00 am	Bell Ringers Open Day at St. Laurence Church



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

THANKS AND APPRECIATIONS

To all those who helped with the sale of books at the Sands Church.
To those who made posies and cakes for Mothering Sunday
To all helpers on the Seale Churchyard tidy up.

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.

ONLINE: once or monthly [by following this link](#), where you will find a Gift Aid option.

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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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We take the safety of all our worshippers very seriously and would encourage you to report any kind of abuse that you are concerned about. You can contact our Safeguarding Officer below or contact the Rector directly. All conversations are confidential. Unless required to be shared by statutory law.

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