

*Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough*

# SUNDAY Supplement

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**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April –Third Sunday of Easter**

## 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

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| <b>Morning</b>  | HC: | Acts 2.14a,36-41 ; Luke 24.13-35           |
|                 | MP: | Psalm 23 ; Isaiah 40.1-11 ; 1 Peter 5.1-11 |
| <b>Evening:</b> | EP: | Jeremiah 15.15-21 ; Hebrews 11.32 - 12.2   |

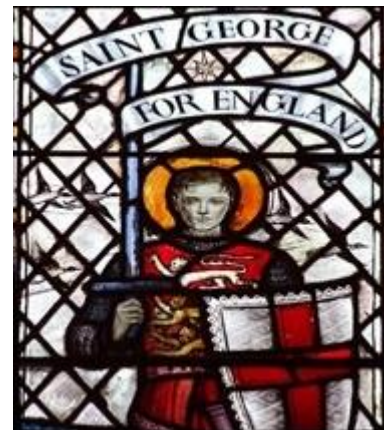
## Prayer for this week

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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,

Saint George is soundly rooted in English history, very popular with English kings especially Edward 1<sup>st</sup> whose military standards carried the red cross on a white background. He is said to have owned a relic of the blood of Saint George, King Edward 3<sup>rd</sup> made him patron of the newly founded Most Noble Order of the Garter.



He is cited in Shakespeare's Henry 5<sup>th</sup> during the battle of Harfleur "Once more unto the breach dear friends, God for Harry! England and saint George" he was hailed at the British army retreat from the battle of Mons. St. Georges chapel Windsor is said to have kept remains of the saint.

George never visited England his personal history points to a noble Roman officer who was executed under the persecutions against Christians in 303 by the emperor Diocletian. George is a Christian martyr worthy of celebrating his reputation for virtue and holiness has spread across the world and his sainthood for England has been remembered since the 9<sup>th</sup> century, his patronal day is 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Saint George's Day Blessings,

Rector



Patronage of George: England, Georgia, Bulgaria. Portugal, Iberia to name a few.

Teachers strike and offshore oil workers strike.

Coronation preparations.

*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 25<sup>th</sup> Apr Saint George's Day Lunch at the Sands, contact Ann Payne

Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Apr No Choir Practice at St John the Baptist, Puttenham

### Services next Sunday – 30<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter 4**

**10.30 am** United Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Puttenham

**6,00 pm** Virtual Compline by Zoom

## FUTURE EVENTS

Fri 5 / Sat 6 May All four churches open for pre Coronation Day prayers and signing congratulations book.

Thu 18 May 6.00 pm Ascension Day Communion at The Good Shepherd, The Sands



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

A reminder not to be unduly alarmed this afternoon, especially if driving...

 UK Government  
UK EMERGENCY  
ALERT SYSTEM

**The UK-wide test of the  
Emergency Alerts system**

**23 APRIL 2023  
15:00**



## 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.

**PARISH GIVING SCHEME** To change your regular Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) donation, please write to: Parish Giving Scheme, 76 Kingsholm Road, Gloucester GL1 3BD, email to [info@parishgiving.org.uk](mailto:info@parishgiving.org.uk) or phone 0333 002 1260. It helps to include the PGS reference number, which can be found below your address on PGS correspondence. If you would like to start a regular PGS donation, or have any questions, please contact Mike Cloughley, our PGS coordinator: Telephone number: 01252 793639 Email: [cloughley@btinternet.com](mailto:cloughley@btinternet.com)



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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