Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough





Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Sunday

Today's Services

9.00 am Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance at St Bartholomew,

Wanborough

10.50 am Service of Remembrance at St John the Baptist, Puttenham

10.55 am Service of Remembrance 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: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18; Matthew 25.1-13

SoR: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Evening: C: Matthew 25.1-13

Prayer for this week

Almighty Father,

whose will is to restore all things

in your beloved Son, the King of all:

govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,

and bring the families of the nations,

divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,

to be subject to his just and gentle rule;

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

There has been a lot of noise surrounding the armistice this year. So many opinions, controversial debates and even vulgar invectives focussed mostly on the Isarael, Hamas Palestinian conflict all of which has no place in the annual act of remembering our war dead. The ugly noises of



dissent and division have drawn a dark cloud over our commemorations and those who are guilty of such should hold their heads in shame. The word respect seems to be one we are constantly fighting to hold onto in an age where anything goes if it feels right to individuals.

The two-minute silence is the most poignant act in the service of remembrance and connects us with millions of the war fallen in many conflicts past and present. The stillness is palpable, moving and compels us to contemplate the meaning of peace as we silently give our thanks for each and every human sacrifice and every damaged mind and body the true legacy of war. It was during the two-minute silence that Malcolm Guite was inspired to write the following poem:

November pierces with its bleak remembrance
Of all the bitterness and waste of war.
Our silence tries but fails to make a semblance
Of that lost peace they thought worth fighting for.
Our silence seeths instead with wraiths and whispers,
And all the restless rumour of new wars,
The shells are singing as we sing our vespers,
No moment is unscarred, there is no pause,
In every instant bloodied innocence
Falls to the weary earth ,and whilst we stand
Quiescence ends again in acquiescence,
And Abel's blood still cries in every land
One silence only might redeem that blood
Only the silence of a dying God

Please note a service change next week. I realise a number of people around the parish donated to the restoration of the pipe organ at Puttenham so it has been requested that a united service be held on the 19th so that people can attend the dedication. There will be no service at Seale.

REMEMBERING THEM,

Rector



Stuart David Mayes (recovering in hospital)

Caroline Yarnold (recovering in hospital)

Royal British Legion

SSAFA

Combat Stress

Blesma

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.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Tue 14 Nov 12.00 – 2.00 pm Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The

Sands (and every Tuesday)

Fri 17 Nov 12.30 pm Alpha Course continues, at The Good Shepherd,

The Sands. In order that we may judge the catering requirement, please let Kathleen know if you plan

to attend, by email to

Kathleen77smith@gmail.com

Sat 18 Nov 6.30 pm Organ Recital at St John the Baptist, Puttenham

(mulled wine at 6.30 pm; recital commences 7.00 pm)

Services next Sunday – 19th November

2 before Advent

9.00 am Holy Communion at The Good Shepherd, The Sands

10.30 am Dedication of Pipe Organ at St John the Baptist, Puttenham (United

Service)

6.00 pm Virtual Compline, by Zoom

FUTURE EVENTS

Sun 26 Nov 10.30 am "Little Saints" at St John the Baptist, Puttenham

Wed 29 Nov 2.00 pm Bible Hub at The Good Shepherd, The Sands

Studies in John's Gospel



Please contact the Rector if you are unable to attend church and would like to receive Communion at home. Also, contact the Rector if you would like a visit from our Lay Pastoral Visitors.

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 or Pastoral team if you are anxious, lonely or would like a spiritual or social chat.

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You can contact Anne confidentially if you have any safeguarding concerns.