



## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December – The Third Sunday of Advent

### Today's Services

- 9.00 am** Story of Carols at The Good Shepherd, The Sands  
**10.30 am** Holy Communion and Gifts at St John the Baptist, Puttenham  
**10.30 am** Carols and Gifts 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 5.16-24 ; John 1.6-8, 19-28  
Carols: See Order of Service  
**Evening:** C: John 1.6-8, 19-28

### Prayer for the week

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FROM THE RECTORY DESK

Dear Friends,

The Third Sunday of Advent leaves us with just one more week before we celebrate the glorious feast of the Nativity. All our services are advertised on our website as well as by posters, we hope you will join us with family and friends.



Friday concluded the Alpha course in the parish which was consistently attended and enjoyed by all those participants, we thank Kathleen for hosting the event and Christopher for amazing meals throughout. There were many others who made the course possible including those who fielded our many questions. Well done all!

The Santa event at Hampton Estate was a great success, raising £4500 for much needed church funds. Sarah Webster, Elly, Alice, Jo and many other volunteers made it all happen and we remain grateful to you all for such a wonderful church weekend initiative.

Finally, we keep in our prayers all those who are unwell at this time with bugs and virus-related issues.

Advent Joy,

Rector



Caroline Yarnold, recovering in hospital

Stuart Mayes, recovering at home

Christopher Tuckwell, recovering at home

Homeless people at Christmas

*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 19 Dec

No Shepherd's Rest Café today. Reopens on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Thu 21 Dec 2.00 pm

Carol singing at Springfield Manor



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES in Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough



### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY – 24<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Eve

- 3.00 pm** Nativity Service at St John the Baptist, Puttenham  
**4.30 pm** Nativity Service at St Laurence, Seale  
**11.30 pm** Midnight Mass at St. John the Baptist, Puttenham  
**11.30 pm** Midnight Mass (reserved sacrament) at St. Laurence, Seale

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Day

- 9.00 am** Christmas Communion at St. Bartholomew, Wanborough  
**10.30 am** Christmas Service at St. John the Baptist, Puttenham  
**10.30 am** Christmas Communion at St. Laurence, Seale

### FUTURE EVENTS

Wed 27 Dec 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).



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

THE RECTOR: 01252 783057 or [Rector@spw.org.uk](mailto:Rector@spw.org.uk)

CHRISTOPHER TUCKWELL LLM: 01252 718676

PASTORAL TEAM: Linda Thatcher & Kathleen Smith



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