

Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough

SUNDAY Supplement

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Sunday 7th January – Epiphany

Today's Services

- 9.00 am** Morning Prayer at The Good Shepherd, The Sands
10.30 am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
6.00 pm [Virtual Compline](#), by Zoom - Download Order of Service [here](#)

Today's Readings

- Morning** MP: Psalm 29 ; 1 Samuel 16.1-3, 13 ; John 1.29-34
HC: Acts 19.1-7 ; Mark 1.4-11
Evening C: Mark 1.4-11

Prayer for the week

O God, who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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,

I find the reflection made by the Magi in TS Elliot's poem "Journey of the Magi" to be a powerful insight into how lives change in the presence of Christ. Elliot presents the Magi upon their return as unsettled no longer able to conform to the traditional expectations of worshipping idols and the God's of Persia:



"All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down
This set down
This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death."

The impact of meeting the infant Christ has been life changing for them . That conjures up the true meaning of Epiphany, a showing forth or in more modern parlance a Eureka moment when everything falls magnificently almost miraculously into place. When things suddenly make sense.

Such is the power of Jesus in our lives, when we accept Jesus as our Saviour and Lord things are never the same, we are changed into light bearers incandescent with the saviour's divine love and like those magi the ways of the world no longer satisfy. We are a new creation a people with hearts and minds set on the heavenly and on those things that are eternal.

Epiphany tide Blessings

Rector



All our parishioners smitten with Covid

Earthquake in Japan

Revealing Christ to others

SPWPCC Meeting on the 18th

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 9 Jan 12.00 – 2.00 pm Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands (and every Tuesday)

Services next Sunday – 14th January

Epiphany 2

9.00 am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew, Wanborough

10.30 am Holy Communion at St Laurence, Seale

6.00 pm Virtual Compline, by Zoom

FUTURE EVENTS

Wed 19 Jan 2.00 – 4.30 pm Tower Café at St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
(and every 2nd Wednesday of each month)

Wed 31 Jan 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.

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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.



FINAL HYMN

The first Nowell, the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
Born is the King of Israel!

They lookéd up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell...

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise men came from country far
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wheresover it went.
Nowell...

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of nought
And with his blood mankind has bought.
Nowell...