Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough





Sunday 14th January – Second Sunday of Epiphany

Today's Services

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

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: Revelation 5.1-10; John 1.43-end

MP: Psalm 139.1-5; Isaiah 62.1-5; 1 Corinthians 6.11-20

Evening C: 1 Corinthians 6.11-20

Prayer for the week

Almighty God,

in Christ you make all things new:

transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,

and in the renewal of our lives

make known your heavenly glory;

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

We are only three weeks into the New Year and already the UK is involved in military action as part of a coalition protecting maritime shipping in the Red Sea region. There seems to e no end to the tribal confederacies and even great nations that wish to destabalise the world economies and commit appaling criminal acts against the peaceful people of God.



Most of these acts of terrorism are connected to fundamentalist religious thinking and ideologies though not all, some are simply using any excuse to help themselves to property and goods that are not their own, in other words "Piracy". Nothing new in piracy but when it is excercised using soffisticated weapons such as precision guided missiles that can reach targets many miles away then the consequences can be devastating to human life and the environment.

Partisanship and self interest often find countries divided as to how to respond and then when a response comes if it comes at all, the challenges are much greater and the conflict much more intense as we are now witnessing with strikes on Houthi military sites in the Yemen.

In the midst of all the efforts being made to keep the maritime merchandise of the world free flowing, let us remember to pray for the safety of our own armed forces, the RAF squadrons operating put of Cyprus long distances from the target area and the Royal Navy crews vigilant in dangerous waters especially the crew of HMS Diamond.

Prayerfully,

Rector



All our parishioners smitten with Covid.

SPW PCC Meeting on the 18th

The safety of shipping in the Red Sea

All those military forces engaged in protecting shipping.

The charge of genocide brought against Israel.

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 16 Jan 12.00 – 2.00 pm Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The

Sands (and every Tuesday)

Wed 19 Jan 2.00 – 4.30 pm Tower Café at St John the Baptist, Puttenham.

(and every 2nd Wednesday of each month)

Services next Sunday – 14th January

Epiphany 2

9.00 am Holy Communion at The Good Shepherd, The Sands

10.30 am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Puttenham

6.00 pm Virtual Compline, by Zoom

FUTURE EVENTS

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.

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.