

Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough

SUNDAY Supplement

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Sunday 21st January – Third Sunday of Epiphany

Today's Services

- 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

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 19.6-10 ; John 2.1-11
MP: Psalm 128 ; Jonah 3.1-5, 10 ; John 3.16-21
Evening C: John 2.1-11

Prayer for the week

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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

We are drawing near to the end of Epiphany (2nd February) and it has been a wonderful season of blessing in so many ways. The presence of the Magi in the Christmas story brings out themes that are worthy of deeper study and reflection:



Awareness, Perseverance, Resilience, Wisdom, Discernment, Humility, Holy Boldness, Receptivity to name a few, and they embody so many qualities of true discipleship. From charting and mapping the Star of Bethlehem and acknowledging the importance of ancient Jewish prophecy, to choosing gifts so powerfully symbolic of life of the infant Jesus, namely: Kingship, Priesthood, Suffering. Know the person, Know the Gift!

Had they not possessed the gifts of wisdom and discernment, then they most certainly would have led Herod to Jesus and life of the King of Kings, The Messiah would have been swiftly concluded. Praise God for the Magi, so full of divine initiative, so obedient to their pilgrimage - the only international visitors to worship the new born Christ.

Blessings,

Rector

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

To Dee Bramley and the Friends of Wanborough Church for organising the removal of a fallen tree in the churchyard at St Bartholomew during 'Storm Henk'.



All our parishioners smitten with Covid and flu.

All those military forces engaged in protecting shipping.

Erupting Icelandic Volcanoes and the disruption to life

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

Services next Sunday – 28th January

Epiphany 4

9.00 am Morning Prayer at St Bartholomew, Wanborough

10.30 am Holy Communion at St Laurence, Seale

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

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



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.](#)

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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.