

Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough

SUNDAY Supplement

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Sunday 28th January – Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Today's Services

- 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

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

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| Morning | HC: | Revelation 12.1-5a ; Mark 1.21-28 |
| | MP: | Psalm 111 ; Jeremiah 1.4-10 ; Mark 1.40-45 |
| Evening | C: | Mark 1.21-28 |

Prayer for the week

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

FROM THE RECTORY DESK

The Epiphany cycle ends on 2nd February with the Feast of the presentation of Christ in the temple also known as Candlemas. The Nave window near the pulpit in St. Laurence church features Simeon and Anna at the customary purification rites for the first born. The faces are believed to be locals.



The event is described in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 2:22–40). According to the gospel, Mary and Joseph took the Infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days (inclusive) after His birth to complete Mary's ritual purification after childbirth, and to perform the redemption of the firstborn son, in obedience to the Torah (Leviticus 12, Exodus 13:12–15, etc.). Luke explicitly says that Joseph and Mary take the option provided for poor people (those who could not afford a lamb; Leviticus 12:8), sacrificing "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Leviticus 12:1–4 indicates that this event should take place forty days after birth for a male child, hence the Presentation is celebrated forty days after Christmas.

Upon bringing Jesus into the temple, they encountered Simeon. The Gospel records that Simeon had been promised that "he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ" (Luke 2:26). Simeon then uttered the prayer that would become known as the *Nunc Dimittis*, or Canticle of Simeon, which prophesied the redemption of the world by Jesus:

"Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel". (Luke 2:29–32).

Simeon then prophesied to Mary: "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed. (Luke 2:34–35).

The elderly prophetess Anna was also in the Temple, and offered prayers and praise to God for Jesus, and spoke to everyone there of His importance to redemption in Jerusalem .

Poverty prevented Mary and Joseph presenting a lamb, however I like the interpretation that says Jesus was the Lamb offered for blessing, so no need for another.

Candlemas Blessings,

Rector

This is the last of our weekly Sunday Supplements, next week will begin a monthly edition SS Plus which will contain all the usual information and more including national and local church news. The New monthly format will also help us to save on paper and printing costs and improve our carbon footprint.



All those in the parish recovering at home.
Those experiencing poverty and hardship.
The victims of war in Ukraine.
The safety of hostages held by Hamas.
The safety of shipping crews in the volatile Red Sea.

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

Services next Sunday – 4th February

2 before Lent

9.00 am Morning Prayer at The Good Shepherd, The Sands
(Deuteronomy 8.1-10 ; Matthew 6.25-34)

10.30 am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Puttenham
(Colossians 1.15-20 ; John 1.1-14)

6.00 pm Virtual Compline, by Zoom
(Matthew 6.25-34)

FUTURE EVENTS

Wed 31 Jan 2.00 pm Bible Hub at The Good Shepherd, The Sands
Studies in John's Gospel

Wed 14 Feb 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.

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