

FEBRUARY 2024

FROM THE RECTORY DESK

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the new monthly edition of the Sunday Supplement called - for the present - **SS Plus**. This new version provides the

congregation with a service timetable,

including hymns and readings, very useful to know. The Rector's article will address the theme of the liturgical month and include important news from the diocese and the national church. These changes approved by the PCC will improve our carbon footprint and reduce annual costs, so that is a PLUS, in fact there are pluses all round. I hope you will enjoy the February edition, there will be copies for the congregations and spares for visitors to our churches.



The overriding theme in February, starts with Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Each Wednesday that follows will be an opportunity to join us for a soup lunch at the Sands Church at 12:30 pm, prepared by Chef Chris Smith who once again has volunteered his services to the church. There will be six topics that challenge the faith of believers and non-believers alike. We shall dig down and learn from top theologians as well as from each other. Do consider joining us there is no charge, Commencing 21st February.

Lenten Blessings,

Rector

ZOOM CHURCH

Every Sunday at 6.00 pm

Virtual Compline

For all zoom services please use this link: [Church Services](#), then enter this 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](#)

FEBRUARY SERVICES



Sunday 4 February - The Second Sunday before Lent (Green)

9.00 am Morning Prayer The Good Shepherd, The Sands.

Readings: Deuteronomy 8.1-10 ; Matthew 6.25-34. Hymns: 474, 418, 267

10:30 am Holy Communion St John the Baptist, Puttenham.

Readings: Colossians 1.15-20 ; John 1.1-14. Hymns: 474, 418, 380, 267

6:00 pm Virtual Compline See front page for Zoom Church details.

Sunday 11 February – The Sunday next before Lent (Green)

9.00 am Holy Communion St Bartholomew, Wanborough.

Readings: 2 Corinthians 4.3-6 ; Mark 9.2-9. Hymns: 2, 37, 491, 444

10:30 am Holy Communion St Laurence, Seale.

Readings: 2 Corinthians 4.3-6 ; Mark 9.2-9. Hymns: 2, 37, 491, 444

6:00 pm Virtual Compline See front page for Zoom Church details.

Wednesday 14 February – Ash Wednesday (Purple)

6:00 pm Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes St Laurence, Seale.

Readings: Isaiah 58.1-12 ; John 8.1-11. Hymns: 95, 421, 96, 496

Sunday 18 February – The First Sunday of Lent (Purple)

9.00 am Holy Communion The Good Shepherd, The Sands.

Readings: 1 Peter 3.18-22 ; Mark 1.9-15. Hymns: 34, 95, 532, 533

10:30 am Holy Communion St John the Baptist, Puttenham.

Readings: 1 Peter 3.18-22 ; Mark 1.9-15. Hymns: 34, 95, 532, 533

3:00 pm “Church Stars” St John the Baptist, Puttenham.

Details in Service Leaflet

6:00 pm Virtual Compline See front page for Zoom Church details.

Sunday 25 February - The Second Sunday of Lent (Purple)

9.00 am Morning Prayer St Bartholomew, Wanborough.

Readings: Isaiah 51.1-11 ; Galatians 3.1-9, 23-29. Hymns: 6, 582, 538

10:30 am Holy Communion St Laurence, Seale.

Readings: Romans 4.13-25 ; Mark 8.31-38. Hymns: 6, 582, 537, 538

6:00 pm Virtual Compline See front page for Zoom Church details.

DIARY FOR THE MONTH

Tue 6 Feb	12.00 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Tue 13 Feb	12.00 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Wed 14 Feb	2.00 – 4.30 pm	Tower Café at St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
Tue 20 Feb	12.30 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Wed 21 Feb	12:00 pm	Soup Lunch and Lent discussion at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Tue 27 Feb	12.00 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Wed 28 Feb	12.30 – 2.00 pm	Soup Lunch and Lent discussion at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Wed 28 Feb	2.00 pm	Bible Hub at The Good Shepherd, The Sands Studies in John's Gospel

POET'S CORNER

Receive this cross of ash upon your brow,
Brought from the burning of Palm Sunday's cross.
The forests of the world are burning now
And you make late repentance for the loss.
But all the trees of God would clap their hands
The very stones themselves would shout and sing
If you could covenant to love these lands
And recognise in Christ their Lord and king.

He sees the slow destruction of those trees,
He weeps to see the ancient places burn,
And still you make what purchases you please,
And still to dust and ashes you return.
But Hope could rise from ashes even now
Beginning with this sign upon your brow.

Malcolm Guite



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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

General Synod election



The online ballot for the General Synod By-Election to the House of Clergy closed on Monday 29th January at 12 noon. We are able to announce that Mark Wallace has been duly elected. We would like to thank both candidates who stood for all their efforts involved.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

Guildford Deanery

Sunday 4th February

Anglican Diocese	The Anglican Church of South America
Parish	All Saints, Onslow Village (Guildford)
Incumbent	Beverly Watson
LLMs	David Barclay, Alison Moulden
School	Queen Eleanor's Cof E Junior School (Guildford), Onslow Infant School
Prayer requests	Our re-building project following subsidence (and a chance to re-vision); Our Lent course on Selina Steon's Tarry Awhile; Our eco church work, including the Orchard Project

Sunday 11th February

Anglican Diocese	Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
Parish	St Michael & All Angels, Pirbright & St Mark's, Wyke
Incumbent	George Watkinson
Other clergy	Gary Williamson
Prayer requests	Our Church on the Green initiative; Working together with our shared incumbent; Preparing for Pirbright Village Fair

Surrey Heath Deanery

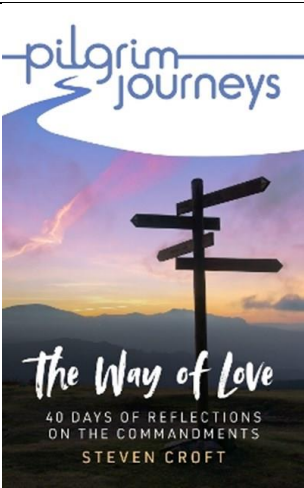
Sunday 18th February

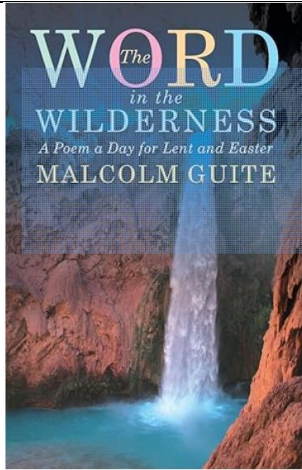
Anglican Diocese	Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
Parish	St Anne's, Bagshot
Incumbent	Andreas Sistig
Other clergy	Ellen Turtle
Prayer requests	Big Questions Lent course; Pancake Party; our Miriam Grace Day Club supporting people to live independently in the community

Sunday 25th February

Anglican Diocese	The Anglican Church of Tanzania
Parish	St Peter's & St Francis', Frimley
Incumbent	Sean Beagley
Other clergy	Joy Lievesley
School	Frimley CofE Junior School
Prayer requests	For our new incumbent as he settles in; on Lent Course based on materials from the Inclusive Church Network; our Winter Warmer socials, supporting the community

LENT RESOURCES

	<p>Watch + Pray – Carlton Turner Church House Publishing – ISBN: 978-1781404454 - £2.50</p> <p>The Church of England's Lent theme for 2024, Watch and Pray invites us all to wait expectantly for God to meet us and sustain us through the storms and trials we all face. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus kneels in darkness in the Garden of Gethsemane. Though he pleads with his disciples, "Stay here with me ... Watch and pray," they all fall asleep, leaving him alone in his hour of deepest suffering.</p>
	<p>Reflections for Lent 2024 - 14 February - 30 March 2024 Andrew Davison, Colin Heber-Percy, Rachel Mann Church House Publishing – ISBN: 9781781404515 - £4.99</p> <p>Reflections for Lent is designed to enhance your spiritual journey through the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. Covering Monday to Saturday each week, it offers reflections on readings from the Common Worship Lectionary, written by some of today's leading spiritual and theological writers.</p>
	<p>Pilgrim Journeys - The Commandments The Way of Love - 40 days of reflections – Steven Croft Church House Publishing – ISBN: 9781781402719 - £3.99</p> <p>Pilgrim Journeys: The Commandments explores the very heart of Jesus' teaching in 40 short daily reflections for Lent 2024. In three of the four gospels, Jesus is asked which commandment is the most important and answers with two: you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself.</p>

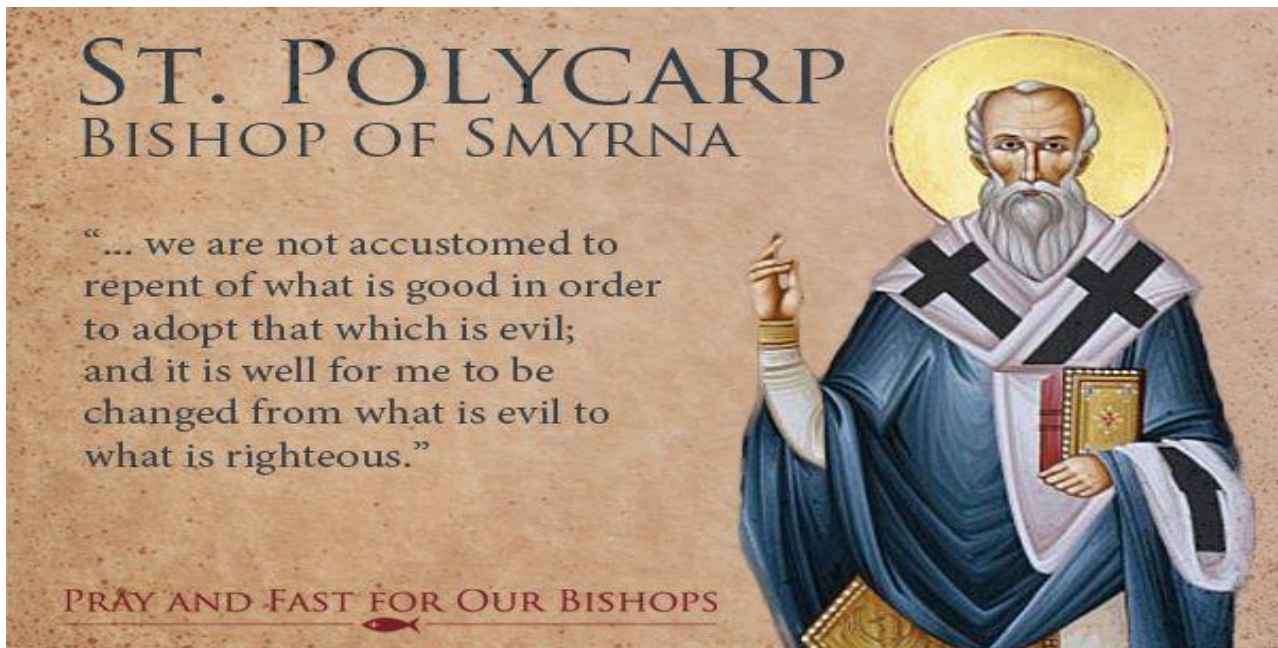


The Word in the Wilderness: A Poem a Day for Lent and Easter - Malcolm Guite

Canterbury Press Norwich – ISBN: 9781848256781 - £12.99

For every day from Shrove Tuesday to Easter Day, the bestselling poet Malcolm Guite chooses a favourite poem from across the Christian spiritual and English literary traditions and offers incisive seasonal reflections on it. Lent is a time to reorient ourselves, clarify our minds, slow down, recover from distraction and focus on the values of God's kingdom. Poetry, with its power to awaken the mind, is an ideal companion for such a time.

SAINT OF THE MONTH



CHURCH STARS (Shine as a light for Jesus)

Exciting opportunity for informal worship and hospitality for all-ages every third Sunday at St John the Baptist Church, Puttenham at 3.00 pm. Do bring a cake if you wish, we will provide other refreshments. Creative crafts, songs, stories and much more, we look forward to seeing you.



STEWARDSHIP AND GIVING

We rely on the generosity of our worshippers, regular members and visitors to fund the costs of quota, maintaining the buildings and running costs and fulfilling our mission to the churches in the parish.



It costs about £8,000 per month to keep our churches in good order and open for regular services. Apart from rental income from Glebe Cottage, we receive no financial support for operational costs other than what you give. Our giving is always a response to God's unfailing generosity and grace and to the needs of the church.

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 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



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

CHRISTOPHER TUCKWELL LLM: 01252 718676

PASTORAL TEAM: Linda Thatcher & Kathleen Smith



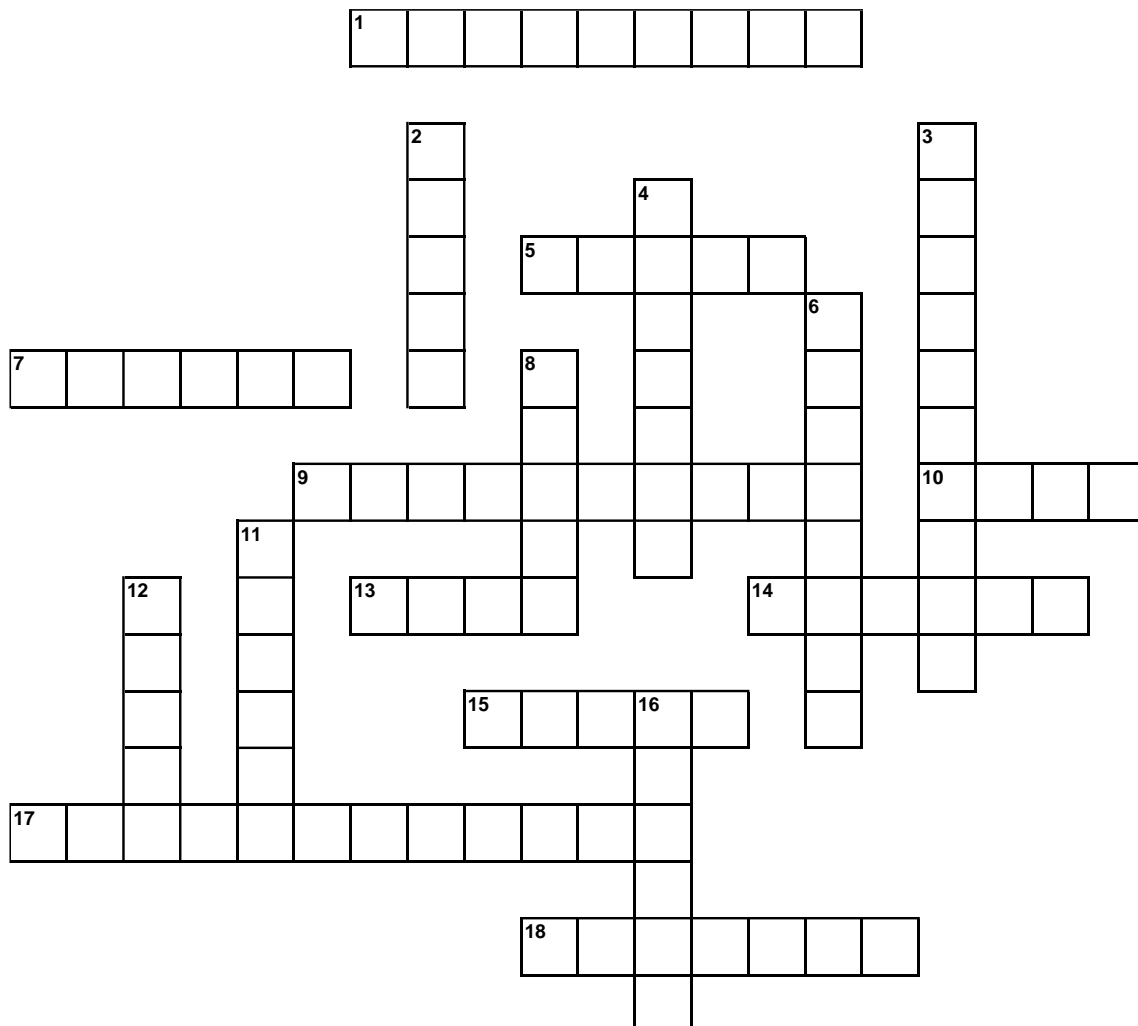
SAFEGUARDING AND DBS OFFICER

ANNE CONCANEN: 01483 811017

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

CROSSWORD CHALLENGE

LENTEN CROSSWORD



Across

1. ASH _____
5. The Christian holy book
7. Jesus entered Jerusalem on this animal
9. Day in Lent recalling Jesus' death (2 words)
10. Branches waved at Jesus upon his entry into Jerusalem
13. Was with Jesus at the cross

14. Jesus prayed for 40 days here

15. What Jesus died upon

17. We spend Lent preparing for Jesus death and _____

18. Giving to _____ is a good Lenten practice

Down

2. What Jesus shed for our sins

3. Holy Communion started after this

4. To go without

6. The final week of Lent (2 words)

8. Number of days in LENT

11. Season after Lent

12. Disciple who betrayed Jesus

16. PALM _____