

Parish of Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough

SUNDAY + PLUS Supplement

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FROM THE RECTORY DESK

Dear Friends,

Easter is celebrated on the last day in March this year but the holy season known as Passiontide beginning on Palm Sunday will bring into focus different events in the life of Christ in his final days on the Earth. Telling the story of some of those events is captured in “The Stations of the Cross”. This is a spiritual and physical journey that walks with Christ through the stages of his arrest, judgment, crucifixion, and resurrection.



You may be familiar with the person of Saint Francis of Assisi who gave us the Nativity story complete with animals and the crib, but few connect Saint Francis and his order of Franciscans with “The Stations of the Cross”. They began by creating outdoor shrines in Europe to replicate the places along the Via Dolorosa where Christ journeyed carrying his cross to Golgotha, a place of execution just outside the city of Jerusalem.

In 1686 pope Innocent 11th granted to the order of Franciscans the right to erect stations or places for Easter reflection in their churches. There are 15 stations in all and each station has an accompanying biblical narrative, prayer and reflection.

Most people who travel the stations are deeply moved and inspired and better prepared for the joy of Easter through the experience of walking THE WAY. At the Sands every Good Friday we host a “Stations of the Cross” pilgrimage, it is very popular with local pilgrims, children and dogs escort us in the procession. You are welcome to join us for the two-kilometre walk, to enjoy community fellowship and a hot cross bun after at the Sands church.

May the joy of the resurrection fill your hearts with hope and peace.

Rector

THANKS AND APPRECIATIONS

To Sue Weir for arranging the emptying of the septic tank at St. Laurence Church Seale. To Colin Chalker for arranging the levelling of ground around the North end churchyard path at Seale Church.

FAREWELLS

We are saddened to say goodbye to Patrick and Caroline Yarnold who moved from Puttenham recently. Patrick and Caroline have lived in the village for many years but deteriorating mobility has made it necessary to move for full time nursing care. We shall miss them both in church and community, especially Patrick's succinct and apposite intercessions and readings and Caroline's contribution to the choir, hospitality and flowers.

May God grant them much happiness and rest in their new surroundings.

ZOOM CHURCH

Every Sunday at 6.00 pm Virtual Compline

For all zoom services please use this link: <https://zoom.us/j/81259506242>, 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: <https://www.spw-surrey.com/spw/wiki/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Compline.pdf>

MARCH SERVICES



Sunday 3 March - The Third Sunday of Lent (Purple)

9.00 am Holy Communion The Good Shepherd, The Sands.

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 ; John 2.13-22. Hymns: 368, 211, 386, 556

10:30 am Little Saints St John the Baptist, Puttenham.

Details in Service Leaflet

Sunday 10 March – Mothering Sunday (Purple)

9.00 am Holy Communion St Bartholomew, Wanborough.

Readings: Exodus 2.1-10 ; Luke 2.33-35. Hymns: 253, 487, 443, 497

10:30 am Service of Flowers St Laurence, Seale.

Readings: Exodus 2.1-10 ; Luke 2.33-35. Hymns: 253, 487, 443, 497

Sunday 17 March – The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Purple)

9.00 am Morning Prayer The Good Shepherd, The Sands.

Readings: Exodus 34.3-8 ; Hebrews 12.18-29. Hymns: 499, 308, 398

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

Readings: Hebrews 5.5-10 ; John 12.20-33. Hymns: 499, 460, 308, 398

3:00 pm "Church Stars" St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
Details in Service Leaflet

Sunday 24 March - Palm Sunday (Red)

9.00 am Morning Prayer St Bartholomew, Wanborough.
Readings: as service booklet. Hymns: 128, 129, 112

10:30 am Holy Communion St Laurence, Seale.
Readings: as service booklet. Hymns: 128, 129, 112, 125

Thursday 28 March – Maundy Thursday (White)

6.00 pm Holy Communion and Vigil St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
Readings: as service booklet. Hymns: 130, 134, 505

Friday 29 March – Good Friday

11.00 am Stations of the Cross The Sands.

2.00 pm Devotional Service St Laurence, Seale.

Sunday 31 March - Easter Day (White)

9.00 am Holy Communion St Bartholomew, Wanborough.
Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14 ; Mark 16.1-8. Hymns: 147, 136, 149, 160

10:30 am Holy Communion and Egg Search St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14 ; Mark 16.1-8. Hymns: 147, 136, 149, 160

10:30 am Easter Praise and Egg Search St Laurence, Seale.
Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14 ; Mark 16.1-8. Hymns: 147, 136, 149, 160

POET'S CORNER

"If in that Syrian garden, ages slain,
You sleep, and know not you are dead in vain,
Nor even in dreams behold how dark and bright
Ascends in smoke and fire by day and night
The hate you died to quench and could but fan,
Sleep well and see no morning, son of man.
But if, the grave rent and the stone rolled by,
At the right hand of majesty on high
You sit, and sitting so remember yet
Your tears, your agony and bloody sweat,
Your cross and passion and the life you gave,
Bow hither out of heaven and see and save."

—A. E. Housman

DIARY FOR THE MONTH

Tue 5 Mar	12.00 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Wed 6 Mar	12:00 pm	Soup Lunch and Lent discussion at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Tue 12 Mar	12.00 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Wed 13 Mar	12:00 pm	Soup Lunch and Lent discussion at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
	2.00 – 4.30 pm	Tower Café at St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
Tue 19 Mar	12.00 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Wed 20 Mar	12:00 pm	Soup Lunch and Lent discussion at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Tue 26 Mar	12.00 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Wed 28 Mar	12.00 pm	Soup Lunch and Lent discussion at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
	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.

NATIONAL CHURCH NEWS

More than £250,000 was distributed by the Church of England last year to support conservation projects in parishes, including work to preserve wall paintings, baptismal fonts, stained glass windows and rood screens.

A total of £255,585 has been awarded for 123 projects in 34 dioceses – with the number of grants up 20% on the year before - to help churches maintain and preserve significant cultural and historical items, including paintings, doors, chairs, clocks, and organs.

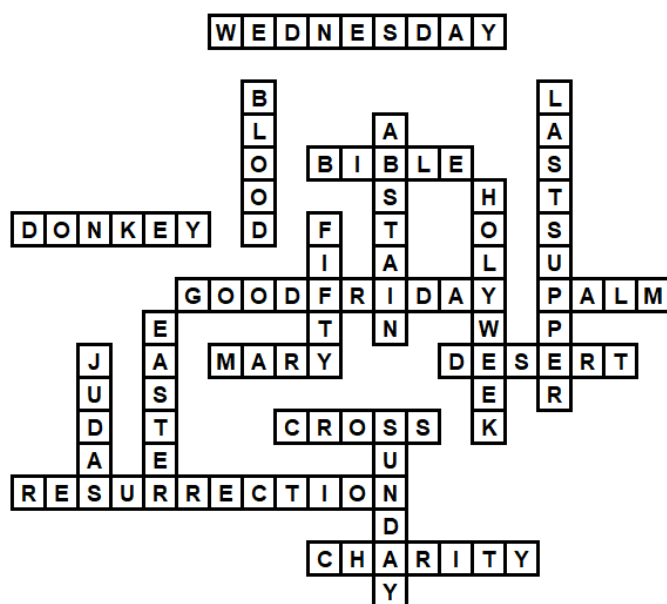
The grants, from donated funds, including major funder, the Pilgrim Trust, were distributed by the Church of England's national Cathedrals and church buildings team, alongside ongoing advice and guidance.

Emily Gee, Director of Cathedrals and Church Buildings for the Church of England, said: “Many of these special features that have been conserved have been cherished over generations and remain deeply significant to their local communities, as well as of being of national historic interest. These remarkable wall paintings, stained glass, clocks, bells, furnishings and monuments are carefully maintained and looked after by teams of dedicated volunteers in church congregations.

“Most projects will have been advised by our national Cathedral and Church Buildings team, and some will have been visited. We remain on hand to provide advice and guidance to these parish churches.

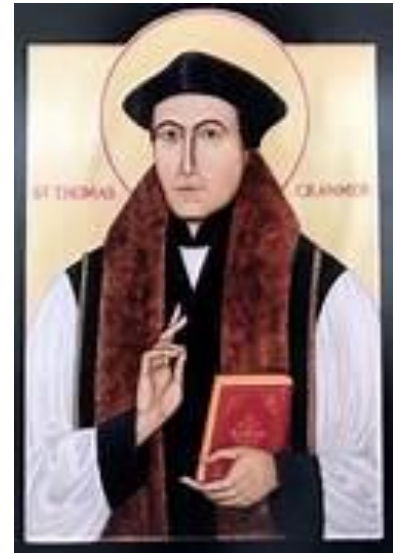
“We are delighted that we were able to increase the number of grants by 20%, as well as the coverage across England. With the help of our respected and much appreciated funders we were able to fund 123 conservation projects across 34 of the 42 dioceses.”

FEBRUARY CROSSWORD SOLUTION



SAINTS IN FOCUS

Thomas Cranmer (489 –1556) was a leader of the English Reformation and Archbishop of Canterbury during the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI and, for a short time, Mary I. He helped build the case for the annulment of Henry's marriage to Catherine of Aragon, which was one of the causes of the separation of the English Church from union with the Holy See. Along with Thomas Cromwell, he supported the principle of royal supremacy, in which the king was considered sovereign over the Church within his realm.



Thomas Cranmer
Ferial 21st March

During Cranmer's tenure as Archbishop of Canterbury, he was responsible for establishing the first doctrinal and liturgical structures of the reformed Church of England. Under Henry's rule, Cranmer did not make many radical changes in the Church, due to power struggles between religious conservatives and reformers. He published the first officially authorised vernacular service, the Exhortation and Litany.

When Edward came to the throne, Cranmer was able to promote major reforms. He wrote and compiled the first two editions of the Book of Common Prayer, a complete liturgy for the English Church. With the assistance of several Continental reformers to whom he gave refuge, he changed doctrine or discipline in areas such as the Eucharist, clerical celibacy, the role of images in places of worship, and the veneration of saints. Cranmer promulgated the new doctrines through the prayer book, the Homilies and other publications.

After the accession of the Catholic Mary I, Cranmer was put on trial for treason and heresy. Imprisoned for over two years and under pressure from Church authorities, he made several recantations and apparently reconciled himself with the Catholic Church. While this would have normally absolved him, Mary wanted him executed, and he was burned at the stake on 21 March 1556; on the day of his execution, he withdrew his recantations, to die a heretic to Catholics and a martyr for the principles of the English Reformation. Cranmer's death was immortalised in Foxe's Book of Martyrs and his legacy lives on within the Church of England through the Book of Common Prayer and the Thirty-Nine Articles,

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: available in Seale, Puttenham and Wanborough churches.

ONLINE: single or monthly donation, optional Gift Aid – scan this QR code:



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.

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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.

EASTER WORD SEARCH

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



APOSTLES
BETRAYAL
CAVE
CHURCH
CROSS
CROWN
CRUCIFIXION
DISCIPLES
FAITH
GOOD FRIDAY

JESUS CHRIST
JUDAS
LAMB
LAST SUPPER
LENT
MARY
MIRACLE
PASSOVER
PENANCE
PENTECOST

PRAYER
REDEMPTION
REJOICE
RESURRECTION
RISEN
SAVIOR
SON
THORNS
TOMB