

JULY 2024

FROM THE RECTORY DESK

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to write this article feeling much better after a lengthy period in the Royal Surrey County Hospital. It appears I caught an airborne infection that attacked both lungs causing a serious decline in my health. I was ill with Covid over Christmas, and that weakened my immune system leaving me vulnerable to infection.

I reached a stage where I found it difficult to breath and move around. I reported to A & E and was immediately admitted. X-rays revealed extensive infection and complications. The doctors and staff pumped me with different antibiotics to grip the infection. It has taken a while to repel the infection and repair the damage, but careful and meticulous nursing has prevailed. I thank God for all who looked after me including the invisible teams who work in the hospital labs and seek to identify the particular infection.

After such a long stay, I have sampled every meal on the hospital menu and given the limited budget, was grateful for what I received - though my recurring dream was of a thick sirloin steak (with apologies to vegans).

I enjoyed interaction with several Christian doctors and staff, most of whom have left their homeland to look after us; thank God for them, all so dedicated and cheerful.

Finally, Linda and I would like to thank you for your prayers and get well wishes which has meant so much to us during a challenging time. I also wish to thank our churchwardens for sterling work done keeping the church functioning

God Bless

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](#)



JULY SERVICES

Sunday 30 June The Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

3.00 pm United Holy Communion and Valedictory
 Service for Chris Tuckwell St John the Baptist, Puttenham
Readings: Acts 12.1-11 ; Matthew 16.13-19. Hymns: 516, 262, 445, 81.

Sunday 7 July – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.00 am Holy Communion St Bartholomew, Wanborough.
 Readings: 2 Corinthians 12.2-10 ; Mark 6.1-13. Hymns: 443, 497, 507, 612.

10:30 am Morning Prayer St Laurence, Seale.
 Readings: Deuteronomy 24.10-22 ; Acts 28.1-16. Hymns: 443, 507, 612.

Sunday 14 July – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.00 am Morning Prayer The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
 Readings: Deuteronomy 28.1-14 ; 1 Peter 3.8-18. Hymns: 380, 494, 496.

10:30 am Holy Communion St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
 Readings: Ephesians 1.3-14 ; Mark 6.14-29. Hymns: 380, 494, 490, 496.

Sunday 21 July – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.00 am Morning Prayer St Bartholomew, Wanborough.
 Readings: Deuteronomy 30.1-10 ; Acts 23.12-35. Hymns: 368, 589, 396.

10:30 am Holy Communion St Laurence, Seale.
 Readings: Ephesians 2.11-22 ; Mark 6.30-34, 53-56. Hymns: 368, 589, 477, 396.

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

Sunday 28 July – The Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.00 am Holy Communion The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
 Readings: Ephesians 3.14-21 ; John 6.1-21. Hymns: 260, 467, 311, 455.

10:30 am Morning Prayer St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
 Readings: Song of Solomon 2 ; 1 Peter 4.7-14. Hymns: 260, 311, 455..

DIARY FOR THE MONTH

Tue 2 July	12.00 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Tue 9 July	12.00 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Wed 10 July	2.00 – 4.30 pm	Tower Café at St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
Tue 16 July	12.30 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Tue 23 July	12.00 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Wed 24 July	2.00 pm	Bible Hub at The Good Shepherd, The Sands Studies in John's Gospel

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.

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PASTORAL TEAM: Linda Thatcher & Kathleen Smith



SAFEGUARDING AND DBS OFFICER

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