

SEPTEMBER 2024

FROM THE RECTORY DESK

Dear Friends,

In September, we welcome you to our monthly hubs. What exactly are they about? The word hub refers to a meeting point – in this case the Good Shepherd, The Sands - where there is a specific interest shared. In the **Pastoral Hub**, the Rector and Pastoral Team will be in attendance, and invite you to drop in and share confidentially any pastoral concerns you may have such as experiencing grief or relationship difficulties. Whilst we are not professional counsellors, we are able to listen and pray with you if that would help. The **Pilgrim Hub** is for those who wish to discover more about the idea of spiritual journeys and finding God in spiritual places often called liminal or thin spaces. If you are thinking about walking the North Downs Way from Winchester to Canterbury then do come and share your ideas of pilgrimage with us. The **Bible Hub** is currently exploring the early church in the Acts of the Apostles. Hub meetings as follows:



Pilgrim Hub: Wednesday 4 September at 2.00 pm.

Pastoral hub: Wednesday 18 September at 11.00 am.

Bible Hub: Wednesday 25 September at 2.00 pm.

Refreshments provided.

On Sunday 29 September at 10.30 am, we gather at St Laurence Seale for a United Service giving thanks for Harvest. Non-perishable food gifts are welcome which will be shared out to local food banks. The service will be followed by Harvest Lunch at The Good Shepherd, The Sands at 12.30 pm. Please do let Ann Payne or Kathleen Smith know if you are attending.

Seale church will be open on Saturday 28 September from 10.00 am to decorate for Harvest: you are warmly welcome to join us in this important seasonal preparation.

Harvest 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](#)



SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 1 September – The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.00 am Holy Communion St Bartholomew, Wanborough.
Readings: James 1.17-27 ; Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23. Hymns: 368, 391, 331, 538.

10:30 am Morning Prayer St Laurence, Seale.
Readings: Jonah 3.1-9 ; Revelation 3.14-22. Hymns: 368, 391, 538.

Sunday 8 September – The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.00 am Morning Prayer The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Readings: Jonah 3.10 - 4.11 ; Revelation 8.1-5. Hymns: 619, 383, 534.

10:30 am Holy Communion St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
Readings: James 2.1-17 ; Mark 7.24-37. Hymns: 619, 383, 475, 534.

Sunday 15 September – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.00 am Morning Prayer St Bartholomew, Wanborough.
Readings: Isaiah 44.24 - 45.8 ; Revelation 12.1-12. Hymns: 2, 236, 468.

10:30 am Holy Communion St Laurence, Seale.
Readings: James 3.1-12 ; Mark 8.27-38. Hymns: 2, 236, 557, 468.

Sunday 22 September – The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.00 am Holy Communion The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Readings: James 3.13 - 4.3, 7-8a ; Mark 9.30-37. Hymns: 301, 393, 573, 448.

10:30 am Morning Prayer St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
Readings: Isaiah 45.9-22 ; Revelation 14.1-5. Hymns: 301, 393, 448.

Sunday 29 September – The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

10:30 am United Harvest Thanksgiving St Laurence, Seale.
Readings: see Order of Service. Hymns: see Order of Service.

Followed by Harvest Lunch at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.

DIARY FOR THE MONTH

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| Tue 3 Sep | 12.00 – 2.00 pm | Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands. |
| Wed 4 Sep | 2.00 pm | Pilgrim Hub at The Good Shepherd, The Sands. |
| Tue 10 Sep | 12.00 – 2.00 pm | Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands. |
| Wed 11 Sep | 2.00 – 4.30 pm | Tower Café at St John the Baptist, Puttenham. |
| Tue 17 Sep | 12.30 – 2.00 pm | Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands. |
| Wed 18 Sep | 11.00 am | Pastoral Hub at The Good Shepherd, The Sands. |
| Tue 24 Sep | 12.00 – 2.00 pm | Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands. |
| Wed 25 Sep | 2.00 pm | Bible Hub at The Good Shepherd, The Sands Studies in the Acts of the Apostles. |

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

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.