

## **JANUARY 2025**

### **FROM THE RECTORY DESK**

Dear Friends,

Let us hope that 2025 will be a year in which there will be an end to the wars in Ukraine and Russia and in the Middle East. There are many other places of course where there is conflict and war, but the possibility of escalation is a very real threat in the above cited regions. With peace there is hope for the release of hostages still held by Hamas.

*Dear Heavenly Father, we come before You with heavy hearts, praying for peace to fill our world. We ask for Your divine intervention to bring an end to conflicts, violence, and hatred. May Your peace reign in the hearts of leaders and individuals worldwide. We trust in Your power to heal and unite nations.*

Looking forward in the parish, we shall be starting a follow up course to Alpha called LIVING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH: details will be on the church website. The short course will explore the biblical and practical implications for discipleship in our contemporary times.

Wishing you a blessed and healthy New Year

Rector

### **THANKS AND APPRECIATIONS**

To the 100 Plus Club for their generous donation to Puttenham church.

To Alice, for organising a very successful Santa event at Hampton.

To our many church Christmas decorators.

To Nicky and Wendy for a splendid Puttenham village Christmas dinner.

To all those if you who kindly sent Christmas cards and seasonal greetings to the rectory family.

## 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](#)



## JANUARY SERVICES

### Sunday 5 January – The Second Sunday of Christmas (White)

9.00 am      Morning Prayer      St Bartholomew, Wanborough.  
*Readings Jeremiah 31.7-14 ; John 1.29-34 8. Hymns: 84, 87, 89.*

10:30 am    Holy Communion      St Laurence, Seale.  
*Readings Ephesians 3.1-12 ; Matthew 2.1-12 8. Hymns: 84, 87, 91, 89.*

### Sunday 12 January – The Baptism of Christ / First Sunday of Epiphany (White)

9.00 am      Holy Communion      The Good Shepherd, The Sands.  
*Readings: Acts 8.14-17 ; Luke 3.15-17, 21, 22. Hymns: 34, 90, 444.*

10:30 am    Morning Prayer      St John the Baptist, Puttenham.  
*Readings: Isaiah 42.1-97 ; Acts 16.11-15. Hymns:34, 90, 215, 444.*

### Sunday 19 January – The Second Sunday of Epiphany (White)

9.00 am      Holy Communion      St Bartholomew, Wanborough.  
*Readings 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 ; John 2.1-11. Hymns: 83. 165. 418, 90.*

10:30 am    Morning Prayer      St Laurence, Seale.  
*Readings: Isaiah 49.1-7 ; Acts 19.1-7. Hymns: 83. 165. 418.*

### Sunday 26 January – The Third Sunday of Epiphany (White)

9.00 am      Morning Prayer      The Good Shepherd, The Sands.  
*Readings Deuteronomy 30.11-15 ; 3 John 1, 5-8. Hymns:182, 87, 605.*

10:30 am    Holy Communion      St John the Baptist, Puttenham.  
*Readings 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a ; Luke 4.14-21. Hymns:563, 182, 87, 605.*

## DIARY FOR THE MONTH

Tue 7 Jan	12.00 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Wed 8 Jan	2.00 – 4.30 pm	Tower Café at St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
Tue 14 Jan	12.00 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Wed 15 Jan	11.00 am	Pastoral Hub at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Tue 21 Jan	12.00 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Tue 28 Jan	12.30 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.