

MAY 2025

FROM THE RECTORY DESK

Dear Friends,

All four churches in our Parish were beautifully decorated with flowers and symbols of Easter. This is a labour of love from many people who took time to dress each building to welcome the risen Christ. The children at Puttenham School decorated the pillars in St John the Baptist church with flowers, chicks and Easter crosses. Thank you everyone.

Work begins this month on laying York stone paving around the west approach to St John the Baptist church; this will facilitate ease of access for the disabled. and provide a quality and aesthetically appealing pathway. There will be some disruption, so your patience is requested.

We were all saddened to hear news of the death of Patrick Yarnold, who passed away peacefully on Mothering Sunday. Patrick served his church at Puttenham with great loyalty and commitment, serving faithfully in many roles. We extend our sympathies and prayers to his wife Caroline and daughters.

Finally, thank you for completing the electoral roll forms our register is now fully renewed and we are grateful to David Melville for marshalling each application. We are also delighted with the restoration of Puttenham church outer doors which David undertook as a gift to the church.

All good wishes,

Rector

NOTICE OF APCM/AGM

A reminder that our SPW PCC APCM/AGM will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, The Sands on 22nd May at 6.30pm.

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](#)



MAY SERVICES

Sunday 4 May – The Third Sunday of Easter (White)

9.00 am Morning Prayer St Bartholomew, Wanborough.
Readings: Isaiah 35.1-10 ; John 10.1-19. Hymns: 165, 563, 162.

10:30 am Holy Communion and Baptism St Laurence, Seale.
Readings: Acts 9.36-43 ; John 21.1-19. Hymns: 165, 563, 610, 162.

Sunday 11 May – The Fourth Sunday of Easter (White)

9.00 am Holy Communion The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Readings: Acts 9.36-43 ; John 10.22-30. Hymns: 467, 589, 599, 453.

10:30 am Morning Prayer St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
Readings: 1 Kings 17.17-24 ; Luke 7.11-23. Hymns: 467, 589, 453.

Sunday 18 May – The Fifth Sunday of Easter (White)

9.00 am Holy Communion St Bartholomew, Wanborough.
Readings: Acts 11.1-18 ; John 20.1-18. Hymns: 380, 153, 318, 502.

10:30 am Morning Prayer St Laurence, Seale.
Readings: 2 Samuel 7.4-13 ; Acts 2.14a, 22-32 [33-36]. Hymns: 380, 153, 502.

Sunday 25 May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter (White)

9.00 am Morning Prayer The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Readings: Genesis 1.26-28 [29-31] ; Colossians 3.1-11. Hymns: 400, 449, 538.

10:30 am Holy Communion St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
Readings: Acts 16.9-15 ; John 14.23-29. Hymns: 400, 449, 482, 538.

DIARY FOR THE MONTH

Tue 6 May	12.00 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Wed 7 May	2.00 pm	Pilgrim Hub at The Good Shepherd, The Sands
Tue 13 May	12.00 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Wed 14 May	2.00 – 4.30 pm	Tower Café at St John the Baptist, Puttenham.
Tue 20 May	12.30 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Wed 21 May	11.00 am	Pastoral Hub at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Tue 27 May	12.30 – 2.00 pm	Shepherd's Rest Café at The Good Shepherd, The Sands.
Wed 28 May	2.00 pm	Bible Hub 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 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