

St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham
Weekly Newsletter
23 April 2017

Second Sunday of Easter

8am – Holy Communion (BCP)

10am – Parish Communion (CW)
Hymns: 119 – 257 – 627 – 289 – 683
Intercessions: Ian Lapworth

The readings are:
Acts 2.14a,22-32
1 Peter 1.3-9
John 20.19-31

This morning we welcome the family and friends of Jemima Ella Meredith-Hardy, who will be baptised at 11.30am.

Saturday 6 May
from 7.30 – 10.30pm
BARN DANCE IN THE CHURCH
with a live band
Come and join the fun.

No previous experience needed!
Tickets: £15 (adults) and £5 (children)
Ploughman's supper included in the price. Soft drinks available.

Kay Walker will be selling tickets after church this morning or email her - kwalker619@btinternet.com - or phone 734157.

Any budding musicians who would like to join the band? Kay can put you in touch with Bob Shatwell, who is leading the band.

Our new Area Dean is Revd Jane Walker, Vicar of St Mary's, Frensham. She will be Commissioned next Wednesday 26 April at 7.30pm. Please include Jane in your prayers this week.

Farnham Duck Race
Gostrey Meadows

NEXT SATURDAY 29 APRIL

As usual we will be having a Hoopla stand during the races, which is a fun way of making some money for the church.

We need volunteers to run the stand for an hour or so each (even half an hour would be useful).

Please contact Christopher if you can spare the time. It's no hardship and the whole event is very enjoyable.

Our Annual Church Meeting will take place THIS AFTERNOON at 4pm.

Christian Aid Week 2017
is from 14 to 20 May

Many thanks to those who have volunteered for house-to-house collections. A list of current collectors is available at the back of the Church (and in the Leverton Hall). Please check your route if you have collected in the past, or add your name if you are a new volunteer. The best way to increase the total donation is by visiting more houses, so if you are able to deliver and/or collect even just a few envelopes, please contact Jack Crawford (716363).

Alternatively, if you're not able to help in the parish this year, Farnham Christian Aid are looking for collectors at Farnham Station (morning rush hours 15-19 May) and in the town on Saturday 20 May.

A special service marking the start of Christian Aid Week will be held on Sunday 14 May at 4pm at St James' Church, Rowledge.

BOOK GROUP

Some interest has been expressed in starting a book group, which we hope will meet once a term.

The first book we will read and talk about will be 'The Children Act' by Ian McEwan. This is a relatively short book, but raises some interesting questions. The first meeting will be on Thursday 22 June in the evening (time and venue tba). If you are interested, or would like more information, please speak to Lizzy Hendry, Liz Ambrose or Kate Mapes.

HOLIDAY AT HOME

Two days of activities for retired people in our community will take place again this summer on Wednesday 2 August and Friday 4 August.

We shall be looking for people to help in a variety of ways, so please put these dates in your diary now and we will give more details in May.

Contact Paul Smith (07447 121747 or pjs1269@gmail.com) or Kathryn Beesley for further information.

You are all invited to the licensing of Revd Rachel Sturt to the Parish of the Resurrection, and as Anna Chaplain for Alton, on Sunday 21 May at 6.30pm at St Lawrence Church, Alton. The service will be conducted by the Rt Revd David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke.

Summer Concert at St Thomas-on-The Bourne - 6-7pm on Saturday 3 June

Andrew Harrap, the Organ Scholar, will play piano works by Bach, Fauré and Debussy; and a Quartet from the Girls' Choir will perform a variety of 2 and 3 part sacred and secular songs by Fauré, Mendelssohn, Sullivan, Elgar, Novello and others. Free entry, with retiring collection for church and choir funds. Light refreshments will be provided afterwards.

Over the next five weeks we are offering you weekly reflections to help focus your prayers on specific aspects of our church life and how the church relates to the wider community.

Based on reflections from the Diocese 'Transforming Church, Transforming Lives' initiative, these are particularly relevant for us at this time. If you have not already received a copy then do pick one up from the table by the door.

The Wrecclesham History Project will meet in the Leverton Hall on:

Saturday 13 May - Knight's Almshouses

Saturday 10 June - St Peter's School

1909 to date

Saturday 8 July - Wrecclesham Vicarages

THANK YOU to all who came and enjoyed sharing breakfast on Easter Day. After deduction of expenses, we have £21 which, as in previous years, will be donated to Christian Aid.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 27 April – 12.30pm – Men's Lunch at the Royal Oak.

Thursday 25 May – Ascension Day – 10.30am – Holy Communion. 12.30pm – Men's Lunch at the Royal Oak.

A reminder that these notes, updated weekly, plus lots more general information about the church, can all be found on the church website at www.cofewrecclesham.org.uk.

In addition the church now has a Twitter account: @stpeters1840. Do 'follow' this if you're a Twitter user and encourage your friends and neighbours to do so as well.

The deadline for the newsletter this week is Thursday at 6pm please, to Sue Davies. Phone 793888 or email

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