

News Sheet

The Fifth Sunday of Easter – 15 May 2022

Reading: Matthew 25:31-40

Today's service: 'When I needed a neighbour...'

We welcome Matthew Sleep from Step by Step

LINK FOR THE LIVESTREAM SERVICE - <https://cofewrecclesham.org.uk/streamed-services/>

Please click on the link from ten minutes beforehand and there will be the livestream link to take you to the service

8am Rev Jacqueline – **10am President:** Rev Jacqueline – **Preacher:** Matthew Sleep – **Organist:** David

Hymns: 270: Hills of the north rejoice – 54: Beauty for Brokenness – 726: When I needed a neighbour - 401: Longing for light – 493: O Jesus I have promised

The Collect for Easter 5

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen**

TODAY: PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL COMMISSIONING

I sent round a summary of the APCM – and am delighted and thankful to be Commissioning PCC members this week. We begin a new parochial year in trust and faith that God will work for us and through us to help us discern the best way forward for St Peter's Church and for our church life together – please do pray and ponder on these things – God will hear you!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 15-21 MAY 2022

**PLEASE PICK UP SOME ENVELOPES TO DELIVER – THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE COLLECTED!
DONATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE**

Farnham and District Christian Aid Service on **Sunday 15th May at 6.30pm** at St Andrew's Church

- Envelopes are available to deliver locally along your road(s) etc if you are able – **BUT** – they don't have to be collected as there is the Vicarage address on them for people to return themselves.
- There will be an **e-envelope on our website** where you can donate online
- Farnham Street collection, **10 am – 2pm Saturday 21st May.**

MESSY JUBILEE – 4pm, Sunday 22nd May

- **Please can we have your old jam jars – FOR MESSY JUBILEE 22/5**
please put them in the church as we need to prepare them! Thank you so much
- **HELP** - is someone available to kindly help with **REGISTRATION & TEAS/COFFEES & CATERING**

FINAL PLEA – for our Jubilee preparations!

Does anyone have a **(large) garden brazier** we can borrow, please?? 😊

Does anyone have any memorabilia to display at our Jubilee evening that people might like to see – remember, it covers a long era – photos / mugs/plates /books/booklets/ other things! **Please give them to Rob!**

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE @ ST PETER'S & WRECCLESHAM

Red, white & blue theme – anything goes!

THURSDAY 2nd JUNE – 8pm

Soiree of jubilee memories & music, cheese & wine
followed by

9.30pm – We gather outside to join the nation with our **Platinum Celebration of Light**

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE,

3PM – Jubilee Picnic in the Vicarage Garden – **bring your own picnic and Pimms, a cream tea and bunting will be provided!**

Please sign up to the Picnic in the vicarage (for numbers, please)

NEW: SCARECROW FESTIVAL @ THOMAS ON THE BOURNE – Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th September

WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEAD IN CREATING A 'PETER THE SCARECROW' or let's have a group effort making THE TWELVE SCARECROW DISCIPLES ? 😊

You can also submit individual scarecrows – please see attached notice!

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS LIFTED – PLEASE NOTE:

Face coverings will not be compulsory, but a personal preference – we will keep the north aisle available for those who wish to continue to socially distance. Being mindful of keeping each other safe – observing personal space – hand sanitising & ventilation will help us keep things as covid-secure as possible

Please contact Jacqueline on vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk or 716431 / 07806 775974 if you have a notice to share – or if you would like to talk about something else – her day off is a Monday....

This week prayers are asked for – Bob Parrott, Peggy Rapley (sadly back in hospital), for Sharon (Dawn's sister), Zoe Perkins – for all who are poorly, and give thanks for the healing and ongoing wellbeing of all recovering and on the mend from illness....

RIP – Deirdre Major – Deirdre's funeral will take place Wednesday 25th March at Aldershot Crematorium

Please also pray for the life and work of our Church, that we might be part of God's loving and transforming grace here in our place, & in particular please pray in the seeking of more PCC members – PLEASE do consider whether you could offer some time to be on this group who oversee the running of St Peter's on behalf of us all.....

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S – a plea from Jacqueline

We are hoping to form a 'Friends of St Peter's' that will attract supporters - people who love their parish church but who might not necessarily want to worship – but would like to see the fabric of the building and the sustainability of its presence in Wrecclesham flourish for the future.

I need some help to get this off the ground – please speak to me if you or anyone you know might be able to be part of the working group to make this happen. In the meantime, please pray into this idea – this is the best option we have right now to ensure that St Peter's will be able to operate as a viable church...

CHOIR / SINGING GROUP - TIM WOULD LOVE TO HAVE SOME SINGERS AROUND HIM AS HE PLAYS THE ORGAN – PLEASE HAVE A CHAT WITH HIM – it's all informal! ☺

AND DAVID would like a singing group for 1st and 3rd Sundays, i.e. singing one or two new songs before the service for example... **Please see Tim or David if you are interested to know more – it will be lovely to revive some of our choral tradition and begin something new... ☺**

HYMNS – you can choose! – If you have a hymn that you would particularly like to sing to acknowledge an anniversary or just because you like it, please let Jacqueline know and we can make it happen! ☺

CALLING PEOPLE TO JOIN THE SMALL GROUPS WHO MEET TO PREP/PLAN/KEEP AN EYE ON THE VARIOUS THINGS THAT HELP MAKE ST PETER'S TICK OVER:

Fabric and Finance Group – Events & Fundraising Group – Worship & Spirituality Group

Please speak to Rob or Jacqueline if you would like to chat about offering some time and talent for St Peter's in the name of the Lord! ☺

Rob has been chair of the Events Group but has less time at the moment and is standing down – PLEASE DO CONSIDER JOINING US – EVEN TO BE CHAIR (although we all chip in ☺) – TO HELP CONJOUR UP SOME NEW IDEAS AND WAYS TO RAISE MONEY AND HAVE FUN AT THE SAME TIME! ☺

BAPTISM AND/OR CONFIRMATION: Affirming our faith – all ages: if you would like to consider affirming your journey of faith through Baptism and/or Confirmation, then please come and speak to Jacqueline about preparing for this very special occasion – it will be lovely to share the journey with you.... ☺ (07806 775974 / 01252 716431 – vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk)

Thank you

- Thank you to everyone who made this week's services & other Lenten Services run smoothly – and to our servers, stewards, readers and intercessors – and musicians who give their time and efforts into make our services run well and reverently – we are blessed....
- Thank you especially this week to the grasscutters – and to the church mouse who swept the steps and surrounds of the church – it looks lovely! ☺
- And a thank you to everyone for all that you hold on your heart for St Peter's – every prayer, every contribution of time, talent and money helps to keep our church a vibrant part of our community

Farnham Assist have published their new social events Programme – Farnham Assist reach out to older people who live alone or who are carers – there are fliers at the back of church. Please do take one if you or anyone you know might benefit from becoming part of the Farnham Assist community – monthly Sunday lunches – pie & pint club for gentlemen – knit & natter – Ladies pub lunches – day trips & walks – and transport to help – it's all there... ☺

COLLECTING BOX FOR USED STAMPS – The box is at the back of the Church in aid of the RNIB and Wendy will send them of in the New Year – thank you, Wendy!

WRECCLESHAM OVER 60'S – On 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month @ 1.30pm – a lovely group meet at the Leverton Hall – please pick up a leaflet for information....

REMINDER – A short version of **Daily Prayer is available on the Church of England Website and as an App.**
<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> [Download Time To Pray app](#)
[Access the text online](#)

Farnham Foodbank – **THE BASKET IS NOW LOCATED AT THE CHURCH!**

- **Please only donate long-life goods – fresh and perishable goods cannot be accepted** – thank you for all that you contribute

Please continue to put donations in the basket at St Peter's, and Lizzy Hendry & Stephanie Robinson will kindly be taking the food to the Foodbank. **Jacqueline holds Foodbank vouchers** - please contact her if you or anyone you know would benefit. They urgently need – Microwaveable Sponge Puddings - Tinned Carrots - Toilet Rolls - Squash/juice – Noodles – this was @ 8 May

St Peter's WhatsApp Group – a lovely way to share little bits and pieces of our daily lives and thoughts – Please be in touch with Jacqueline 07806 775974 or vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk who can pass your details to Naomi....

Schroder Trust - Funding is available from the Schroder Trust for Wrecclesham residents and organisations who are in need of assistance – please speak to Rob Durrant, Rev Jacqueline or Jack Crawford for further information and Farnham Town Council for the application form - <https://www.farnham.gov.uk/services/grants/the-isabella-schroder-trust>

Readings for this Sunday's 10am service

First Reading – John 13:31-35: The New Commandment

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him,^[a] God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Second Reading – Matthew 25: 31-40

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." 37 Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 40 And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." 44 Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" 45 Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me."