

St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Weekly News Sheet for 12th September 2021

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity – Creation Season 2
Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 116.1-9; James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-38
PARISH COMMUNION

Hymns/Songs: Intro: All heav'n declares: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (555) – Gradual: Jesus is Lord (129) – Offering: Will you come and follow me (740) – Comm 1: Lord of all hopefulness (410) – Comm 2: Blessed Bread (Anthem) – Final: And can it be (31) End Music: For the beauty of the earth (Rutter)

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

BIG QUESTIONS - Archbishop Justin Welby is visiting Guildford Diocese – 24-27 September.

It would be lovely for Wrecclesham to have some visibility at this opportunity to listen to ++Justin address some of the big questions facing the world today

If you are interested in helping with car park attending & joining a singing group to sing beforehand, please let me know & I'll let Rev Jane (Area Dean) know ☺

- **Friday 24th September** – A gathering at Lakeside, Frimley, for all church families to listen to ++Justin & worship **Sign up here - [An Evening with Justin Welby](#)** as places are limited
- **Sunday 26th September, 11.30am** (after church services) – An opportunity to attend Farnham Deanery's 'Big Questions' event at **More House School**, to which you can bring guests who might not usually go to church to hear Archbishop Justin respond to questions from the public and speak on how to find hope in uncertain times. Guests can also book places to come on their own. Here are the web addresses which you can include in emails, news-sheets and on your website.
Sign up here - www.BigQuestions-Farnham.eventbrite.co.ukk **We can arrange to go/meet as a group ☺**
If you would like to attend, but can't access online booking, please let Jacqueline know and she will do it for you.

NEW! – **Led by Naomi**, here is another chance to try the thought-provoking course – **Living in Love and Faith** - Come along to this five-part online course that explores questions of identity, relationships, and sexuality in the light of our Christian faith. Each session includes some short videos, a Bible Study and some time to gently talk and reflect. This is an opportunity to speak honestly in a safe and respectful space so that we might listen to and learn from each other.

Please email Naomi (nrparkintyrie@gmail.com) to sign up for the course, or if you'd like more information.

You can also visit the LLF Learning Hub (<https://llf.churchofengland.org/>) for some fantastic resources – including podcasts, film clips, and reading suggestions.

SAVE THE DATE! – SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER, 10AM SERVICE - Bishop of Dorking Jo Bailey Wells will be visiting us and presiding and preaching – we are delighted to be welcoming Bishop Jo back to St Peter's ☺

Zoom Link - <https://zoom.us/j/94990376241?pwd=ZW5qOERPvXNmL3BGSVIOZIRPM3dTdz09>

Meeting ID: 949 9037 6241 - Passcode: 653736

PLEASE NOTE: Easing of restrictions for St Peter's Church - From Sunday 1st August:

For the service:

- **NEW** – If you prefer to sit socially distance from others:
 - **Cards are available for you to pick up and place next to you when seated – to indicate to other people to leave the seats next to you free.**
- We remind everyone that we are ALL to sanitise our hands when we come in to church – and also when using the toilets as this increases a level of safety as the cleaning regime eases a little.
- We will ask that masks are worn throughout (unless exempt) – but can be removed to receive Communion
- Seating – please be seated in a socially distanced way. From 5th September, we will review and plan to begin to phase in an ease in spacing, but will keep a designated space for those wishing to still observe social distancing.
- Singing – quiet singing with masks worn – still singing the final hymn outside, without masks if you choose. For those uncomfortable with the idea of singing indoors, we would encourage you to sit nearer the back of the church.

Refreshments:

- We ask for people to wear masks while queuing at the counter but can be removed at the tables / outside etc..

Morning Prayer on Zoom – Wednesdays at 9.30am (NEW LINK)

Join Zoom Meeting - <https://zoom.us/j/99052560006?pwd=RVROa2J6MGdEcGg3UWVJQTFTc2t4QT09>

Meeting ID: 990 5256 0006 - Passcode: 113113

Jacqueline's sermons are available online to read and listen to as a podcast and via a local telephone number - 01252 978369 & hear Rev Jacqueline's latest sermon -

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....

The Collect for Creation Season 2

Glorious God, the whole creation proclaims your marvellous work: increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it, that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Collect for Trinity 15

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

This week prayers are asked for – Sheila Carver (Jonathan's Mother), Jean Birch, Nigel Jenkinson, John Knight, Paul Smith, Zoe Perkins, and for Sharon (Dawn's sister)

RIP – Mary Winslade – please pray for comfort for husband John, and sons Allan, Robert and David in their loss.

CONFIRMATION – Dawn Drake will be Confirmed by Bishop Andrew at a service at St John's Hale for Farnham Deanery on Sunday 19th September, 6pm – **if you would like to come along and support Dawn, please let me know because they are conscious of numbers of people attending re social distancing** – In the meantime, we pray for Dawn as she prepares to take this next step on her journey of Faith.

ALPHA ON TUESDAYS- Jacqueline and Vanda will be leading a small group beginning Tuesday 7th September, **2.30pm** at the Vicarage, 2 Kings Lane – tea, cake and fellowship as we get together to explore faith.

ALPHA IN THE EVENING – IN PERSON & ON ZOOM – The evening group – **7.30pm for 8pm**, and will be led by Lizzy Ambrose – tea/biscuits – wine/nibbles – take your pick as we gather to explore faith via our Wrecclesham-style Alpha Course

ZOOM LINK - <https://zoom.us/j/98595692257?pwd=N1djYzJIRFFqZlllRFkwOUFYcEgyUT09>

Meeting ID: 985 9569 2257 Passcode: 059577

Please speak to Lizzy, Vanda or Jacqueline. This is ideal for those new to faith or those who would like to deepen/refresh/explore their faith in a deeper way – or those who just want some fellowship along the way! **We would LOVE to welcome you to this marvellous Alpha experience Wrecclesham-style – Come and See!**

NEW – AUTUMN CONCERT! - SAVE THE DATE! – We are delighted to be welcoming **the Hart Male Voice Choir for an Autumn Concert** – **SATURDAY 23RD OCTOBER, 7.30PM** – this will be **ticket-only and limited numbers**. Tickets are £10 and will be available at church on Sundays – or by emailing vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk or telephone 716431

MESSY BBQ – We are delighted to announce a **Welcome-back-to Messy Church BBQ** in the vicarage garden – Saturday 25th September, 3.30pm – **please sign-up & email** vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk or telephone 716431

PLEASE COULD YOU KINDLY PRAY AND PONDER WHO MIGHT BE OUR NEXT TREASURER & SECRETARY – we need these positions to be filled as Pat and Naomi will not be extending their service commitment – they need a rest and we need to help them do that gracefully and gratefully! ☺ **Thank you so much**

TREASURER – Pat Lapworth will be standing down in 2022 after an amazing ten years of being the St Peter's Treasurer and Pat has the accounts running like clockwork. If this is something you might be able to commit to, or if you know of anyone, please be in contact with Pat or myself to talk more.

PCC SECRETARY - Naomi Parkin-Tyrie will also be standing down in 2022 as PCC Secretary after three years of faithful and very efficient service. If this might be something you can help with, then please be in contact with Naomi – or myself to find out more.

Thank you

- To those who helped with our services 8am: Ian and Jim – 10am: Vanda for techy support – Andrew and Ros for Steward and reading - Steven for prayers – Hazel for lovely flowers - and to our host for refreshments this weekend...
- Thank you Steven, for leading a meaningful Sunday Space last week.
- Thank you to whoever swept and tidied around the church entrance and steps – it looks lovely

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 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.

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>

Bible Readings for Trinity 15 – (Creation Season)

First reading: Isaiah 50.4-9a

The servant of the LORD said:

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Psalms 116.1-8

Second Reading: James 3.1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Gospel: Mark 8.27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'