

St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham
Weekly Newsletter
24 February 2019

Second Sunday before Lent

8am – Holy Communion (BCP)

10am – Parish Communion (CW)
Hymns: 273 – 541 – 354 – 302 – 539
Intercessions: Gerald Blues

President: Sandy Cavalier
Preacher: Jacqueline Drake-Smith

The readings are:
Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25
Revelation 4
Luke 8.22-25

This morning we welcome Tom Anderson, who will be Received into the Church of England during our 10am service.

This week our prayers are asked for
Pat Colbran, Janet Read and
Jill Wise

LENT COURSE

God, Jesus and the Journey of Life

Beginning next Wednesday 27 February at the Vicarage (7.30pm for) 7.45 – 9pm.

This six week course is for those exploring the Christian faith, those already familiar and those who would like to go deeper. Growing in understanding is limitless...During this course you will find a space that is down to earth, honest and open, warm and friendly and enjoyable and fun. There is a poster with the dates, and a sign up form, on the noticeboard by the door.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
6 MARCH

Ash Wednesday, the day after Shrove Tuesday, marks the beginning of Lent. I am looking forward to walking the Lenten journey towards Easter with you all and it would be lovely to begin by sharing this special, quiet service, when we prepare to reflect on ourselves and our relationship with God. We are invited to be anointed with a cross of holy oil and ash as a sign of our commitment. **We will hold services at 10am and 8pm.** Please come along if you are able. You will be most welcome. There will be refreshments after the 10am service. Jacqueline.

PRAYER LEAFLETS. Please feel free to use the lovely prayer leaflets that are placed around the church – for yourself or perhaps to send to a friend. Small-change donations would be lovely, but not an expectation. These comforting and uplifting prayers and reflections are there to spiritually nourish us and those who visit our church.

1:1 prayer after Communion

From today we will be offering prayer in the Lady Chapel on the 2nd and 4th Sundays after Parish Communion. If you would like someone to pray with, or for, you, about any concern or issue, then simply make your way to the side chapel at the end of the service and there will be someone there to listen and offer prayer. The current team comprises Rob, Sam, Kathryn, Alastair, Deborah and Kay. Should both members of the team be engaged when you arrive, please sit and wait close by in the nave.

If you'd like your name to be on the new parish electoral roll, and haven't yet returned your form, please do so by next Sunday 3 March. Many thanks.

SAVE THE DATE

The **APCM** will be held early this year on **Sunday 24 March** after the 10am service. As a celebration of all that we have been doing together this past year here at St Peter's we will be having a 'bring and share' lunch immediately afterwards. You will see from the forthcoming Annual Report just how much has gone on. It's an amazing testimony to the Holy Spirit working through us and our efforts and so it would be lovely if we can all get together to give thanks to God and to give thanks for each other – and what better way than over the lunch table laden with lovely food and fellowship. And of course the Vicar's report won't be as long this year – promise! Blessings as ever. Jacqueline.

The Wrecclesham History Project will meet in the Leverton Hall at 10.30am on:
Saturday 9 March – Allan Winslade: The Farnham Territorial Army.
Saturday 13 April – Chris Shepherd: GHQ Defence Line.
Saturday 11 May – Roy Waight: The growth of Wrecclesham from 1871 to 1934 as shown by the OS maps.
Saturday 8 June – Brian Greig – Alice Holt Arboretum.

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on Friday 1 March at 10.30am at St Thomas-on-The Bourne Church.

'Come – Everything is ready!

The 2019 event has been prepared by women from Slovenia on the theme 'Come - everything is ready!'. A wave of prayer encircling the world. See the poster on the noticeboard.

HOLIDAY AT HOME

It would be lovely to run Holiday-at-Home again this year. We are thinking of mid-August, but first it would be great if we could have an indication of who would be able to help in some way and available dates.

This is a very special and well-loved time for the more senior people of our community to experience a little bit of holiday-spirit without having to travel. Please speak to Kathryn or Jacqueline if you think you would be able to give a hand. Thank you so much.

FRIDAY WHIST IN THE LEVERTON HALL AT 7.35PM ON FRIDAY 1 MARCH AND 5 APRIL.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 20 March – 7.40pm – PCC meeting.

Saturday 23 March – Quiz Night.

Sunday 24 March – Annual Parochial Church Meeting followed by lunch.

Saturday 30 March – 2pm - marriage of Naomi Tyrie and John Parkin.

Sunday 14 April – 4pm – Messy Palm Sunday.

Sunday 21 April – 8.50am - Easter Breakfast in the Leverton Hall.

Friday 26 – Sunday 28 April – Art Exhibition in the church.

Wednesday 15 May – 7.40pm – PCC meeting.

JACQUELINE'S DAY OFF IS A MONDAY.

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.

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