

St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham
Weekly News Sheet – **13 September, 2020**

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICE & ST BEALE'S LIVE STREAM SUNDAY SERVICE @ TEN
PARISH COMMUNION

Sandy is presiding and Jacqueline is preaching

HOW MANY TIMES?....

Readings & Hymns: (Church - please see sheet for words & screen for hymn words)

Genesis 50.15-21; Psalm 103.(1-7)8-13; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35

HYMNS ARE ON THE SCREEN - If you prefer to have all words together, you can print off the Livestream Service Sheet that comes with the notices and bring it with you...

Service followed by:

SUNDAY ZOOM FOR COFFEE – from 11.45AM - please try and come along online even if you don't attend the service – it will be lovely to see you. **Just click on the link**

The idea is that we can get a cuppa and sit around the lap top for a 'virtual' get together.

Join Zoom Meeting – click on the link and type in ID and Password if prompted....

(Paul can help you if you need guidance)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84202681292?pwd=Zm9yQ0Z4Sm1lelROUU51Z1BjTVkydz09>

Meeting ID: 842 0268 1292 - Password: 987103

PLEASE NOTE - ST PETER'S WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE NEXT TWO WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS – THE 16TH AND 23RD SEPTEMBER

Jacqueline will be away on holiday for the next two weeks – back 29th September

The Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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**

Morning Prayer on Zoom – Wednesdays at 8.30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/75822583530?pwd=RUIBK3BUeDBITXdoam0xNHJyZkpFZz09>

Meeting ID: 758 2258 3530 Password: 005868

Jacqueline's sermons (and the service from last Sunday) 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....

This week prayers are asked for Colin Durrant (Rob's brother), Tony Macklow-Smith, John Knight Sascha Lockett, Paul Smith, Phil Cavalier, Irene Fontaine, Zoe Perkins, Margaret Young

Our prayers are with them and their families and friends - and with all on our own hearts..

NEW! – OFFERTORY – We now have a way of offering via our 'Goodbox' that **takes contactless payments**. It is set at £10 but you can make payments of more or less – a safe and easy way to make donations – plate and Goodbox located at the back of church.

Of course, we also have our Just Giving page on the website or on the St Beale's Facebook Page. We are most grateful for all offerings, especially at this challenging time)

The Parish Giving Scheme is an excellent way of regular giving that greatly helps Pat our Treasurer manage the financial business of St Peter's – which, as you can imagine, is a daunting task in the present climate. It would be really helpful if as many of us as possible can give our offertory in that way – Ian Lapworth can tell you more about it

NEW! – Our APCM will take place on Sunday 18th October following the service – we have up to six vacancies on the PCC. Please speak to Naomi or Jacqueline if you would like to join us. We meet bi-monthly – it be lovely to have you nominated and elected!

NEW! – HARVEST FESTIVAL – 4TH OCTOBER, 10AM – WILL BE IN THE VICARAGE GARDEN! – Bring your – your chair, cuppa and refreshments and enjoy a short, rustic Harvest Celebration

NEW! - St Peter's Wellbeing Group - *How are you?* It's a question we get asked a lot, but how often do we answer it honestly? We frequently don't feel able to say that, actually, 'I'm having a tough week.' or 'Life's quite challenging at the moment.'

That's why, from September, a new small group will be starting: St Peter's Wellbeing Group. Meeting via Zoom on a fortnightly basis, it will be a safe, peaceful space to share how you're feeling, receive encouragement, and offer support to others in the group. Everyone is welcome.

In the meeting, each person will be given the opportunity to share about whatever is on their mind while the rest of the group listen. You can use the group simply as a space to be heard or you can ask the group for advice about a particular situation too – it's your choice. The meeting will take no more than an hour and will close with a short reflection or prayer.

If you're interested in coming along or if you have any questions about the group, please send Naomi an email at nrtynie@gmail.com. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 29th September at 12.30pm (Note: the time isn't set in stone, so if you like the sound of the group but can't make that time, please do get in touch).

St Peter's WhatsApp Group – I am sure this will continue even as we return to some new 'normal' – 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....

Isabella Schroder Trust – are looking for Trustees to join them. Schroder, the long-standing local charity provides funds for those in need within the local Wrecclesham Community. Schroder also hugely helped St Peter's with funding and financial assistance during the time of the reordering. **Please speak to Jacqueline or Jack Crawford for more information.**

Farnham Foodbank - URGENT

- Please continue to put your donations of food in the Vicarage garage, and a member of the team will collect it regularly.
- Urgently needed: tinned meat, instant mash, 1 litre carton long-life fruit juice and chocolate bars.
- The "Urgently needed food items" and "We've got plenty of..." are regularly updated on the Farnham Foodbank website - just click on "Donated food/Farnham Foodbank".

Jacqueline holds Foodbank vouchers - please contact her if you or anyone you know would benefit.

Thank you so much for your continued support."

A St Peter's "Thank You" for this week

- **Paul Smith** – for writing the Thursday Thought for the Farnham Herald – which will be printed for 17th September edition
- The new 'Techy Team' – Paul, Roger, Liz Ambrose, Nicky Hill, Hugh Woods, Steven Knowles, Vanda Bolton - **more would be welcome, please – watch Jacqueline this week and see how easy it is!**

READINGS

First Reading - Genesis 50.15-21 ¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Second Reading - Romans 14.1-12 ¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those

who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel - Matthew 18.21-35 ²¹Peter came and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ ²²Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’