

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

PARISH COMMUNION

Rev Sandy will be preaching and presiding for the 8am & 10am Services this morning

Hymn words: (Church – on screen - Online – please see livestream service sheet)

Opening Hymn: Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour - Gradual Hymn: All heaven declares -Offertory Hymn: O Jesus I have promised - Communion Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to me - Final Hymn: Forth in the peace of Christ w

Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32; Psalm 25.1-8; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32

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**

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

(Paul can help you if you need guidance) Meeting ID: 842 0268 1292 - Password: 987103

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

ST PETER'S WILL ALSO BE OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER/REFLECTION
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON – **please note this week, 30/9 – from 4.15 – 6pm**

The Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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**

A message from Sandy: 'A big THANK YOU for the beautiful card and flowers from all at St Peter's and an especial thanks to Chris (Gray) for the wonderful way they were arranged – they truly brightened our day.'

HARVEST FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER – the Diocese have said that unfortunately we can't use the vicarage garden. For this year, dry good offerings for Farnham Foodbank – and cash offerings for Seeds for Development and Step by Step....

Our APCM will take place in church and on Zoom 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.

We currently have 118 on the Electoral Role. If you consider St Peter's to be your spiritual home and your church, then you might like to consider becoming part of the **Electoral Role** – it would be lovely to have your 'formal' commitment as well as your spiritual one – the more in our church family and fellowship the merrier! ☺

Please speak to Chris Wilkes – email her on parishadmin@cofewrecchlesham.org.uk or call 07902 768597 and she can send you the necessary form.

Small Group Bible Study of Galatians - (8.00 – 9.15pm Thursdays) – All are welcome to join the Bible Study on Paul's letter to the Galatians. All materials you need are provided and you can join in as much or as little as you want. We meet on Zoom, which means that you could join on your telephone if you don't have (or like) computers. **If you have questions or would like to join us then please contact us on:**

Naomi Parkin-Tyrie email: nrturie@gmail.com

Paul Smith email: pjs1269@gmail.com Tel: 07447121747

The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86161930313?pwd=N3ZtYUpJSzNVbVkyY3pBU29DK210dz09>

The telephone number is +44 203 481 5237 (Paul or Naomi will give you the passcode)

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 nrtyrie@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).

Bishop's Sunday Sermon - Bishop Jo preaches this week on 'By what authority?', from Matthew 21:23-32 and Philippians 2:1-13 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKeK4PerZII&feature=youtu.be> - The sermon transcript is here

NEW!! FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER - TRANSFORMING GENEROSITY

From 1st October - A new initiative from our Diocese provides an opportunity for us to join all churches to reconnect with the importance of generosity in our own faith and discipleship and to think a little more about how, individually and together, we're able to build on our generosity – expressed in all ways practically in action and spiritually in prayer and faith, to become even more powerful agents of transformation in the communities and the world that we are part of and seek to serve in the name of Jesus. Each week there will be a focus on one of the rich stories from Luke's gospel which bursts with celebration of the generosity of God and seeks to encourage us to do likewise.

I would love us all to become part of this as we seek to grow together in faith and sustainability here at St Peter's - **please join me and sign up today** at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/generosity if you would like to receive the daily reflections as an audio file or transcript. (I have recorded the podcast for 29th October by the way)

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 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 Luckett, 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 also 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 – it is simple, very safe and secure, and run by very helpful and courteous people....

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....

NEW! 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. Tinned Potatoes, Dried Milk Powder, Vegetable Oil, Raisins

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.

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

- **Sandy** – for leading both our 8amour 10am worship – thank you for holding the fort!
- **Nicky Hill and Liz Ambrose** – for the techy stuff – week 2! ☺
- **Paul Smith** – for starting us off on the Galatians Bible Study trail – more to come!

READINGS

First Reading - Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32

²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Psalm 25.1-8

Second Reading - Philippians 2.1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel - Matthew 21.23-32

²³When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" ²⁶But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.