



You are warmly invited to our

Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for the Dear Departed

On Sunday 1st November 2020 4.00pm at St Peter's Church, Beale's Lane, GU10 4PY

or on our St Beale's Community Livestream

(via St Peter's Website www.cofewrecclesham.org.uk or Facebook)

Losing a loved one is one of the most painful experiences we can ever have, and something we never quite get over. Many say that time is a healer, well maybe time heals an open wound, but the pain of loss is something that can often remain for a lifetime. In our prayers at Saint Peter's, we remember regularly those who have passed through the gateway of death into the timeless and glorious presence of God, and we pray for the Spirit of comfort, healing and strength to be with you in your loss, remembering that Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus.

And of course, at this time of uncertainty and in the frailty of losing all that is familiar to us in our way of life and being, the loss of those we love seems to be heightened somehow. Some of us will have experienced first-hand this year the devastation to human lives and life the Pandemic is causing, and all the anguish that comes with the way in which we have been separated from one another, not only in the end of life situations, but in the day to day encountering of an embrace or a face-to-face smile of a family member or dear friend. We lament for it all, for ourselves and for others....

At St Peter's we are holding a quiet service of hymns, music, readings and prayers when we commemorate by name those who have died from our parish over the past few years and in years gone by.

We will also be holding the space for the lamenting and the acknowledgement of the trauma of recent months that each of us will have experienced in our own way in our own situations.

You are warmly invited to join us on the afternoon of Sunday 1st November at 4pm – either in St Peter's Church in person, or live-streamed from our St Beale's community Facebook page – the platform we use to unite those at home and those who are able to be in church – we are two expressions of one community in fellowship and friendship.

Booking a church place is necessary as we are limited by social distancing restrictions

The service will begin with reading out the names of those who have died over past years and a list will be at the back of church if you wish to add other names – or you can email Mrs Christine Wilkes on parishadmin@cofewrecclesham.org.uk or telephone/text on 07902 768597.

If you would like to bring a single flower to the service, as a symbol of remembrance, you are most welcome to do so – there will be an opportunity to lay the flowers on the altar during the service.

We trust you will feel welcomed in a safe and special place of peace and hope that you and your relatives and friends will be able to join us.

We are so sorry that this year we will not be able to offer the usual hospitality of refreshments and fellowship afterwards, but we are together, and you are always welcome to bring a hot drink and anything that brings you comfort....

I do hope that you will be able to join us. In the meantime, be assured of our continued loving support in our prayers. You are most welcome to contact Rev Jacqueline or visit St Peter's which is currently open most Wednesday afternoons between 3–5pm where Jacqueline will be there.

Yours, in the peace of the risen Christ and in the comfort of a loving God,
Blessings and prayers, Rev Jacqueline

The Revd Jacqueline Drake-Smith, Vicar – Email: vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk – Tel: 01252 716431

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Attending / Not able to attend

Names of Those Attending:-

Even if you are unable to attend the service, your loved one can be remembered.

Please give
details of their name below if you wish this to happen.

The name of your loved one(s):-

PLEASE RETURN (by 30 October) to: The Parish Administrator - Mrs Christine Wilkes, 24
Buttermer Close, Wrecclesham, Farnham, GU10 4PN.

Tel: 07902 768597 - Email: parishadmin@cofewrecclesham.org.uk