

ST PETER'S CHURCH SERVICE & ST BEALE'S LIVE STREAM SUNDAY SERVICE @ TEN  
Second Sunday before Advent

**As you know the church will be closed for public worship until 2<sup>nd</sup> December (except for funerals)  
THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN THIS WEDNESDAY BETWEEN **12-2pm** FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

**Hymns:** Introduction: Christ be in my waking – First Hymn: Immortal Invisible – Gradual Hymn: I bind unto myself today – Offertory Hymn: Take this Moment – Final Hymn: All nations of the world

The Collect for Remembrance

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 John Knight, Sascha Luckett, Paul Smith, Phil Cavalier, Zoe Perkins, Margaret Young,

**Please pray especially for Paul this week as he undergoes major surgery on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November.**

**RIP** – David Wells (friend of Andrew Steward & Wendy Coxell) - **George Colbran** (died peacefully 2<sup>nd</sup> November) and **Pat Colbran** (died peacefully Monday 9<sup>th</sup>) – please pray for Martin, Sarah & family... May this devoted couple, and all who have died rest in peace, and rise in glory ...

**SUNDAY ZOOM FOR COFFEE – from 11.15AM**

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 – it doesn't matter if you don't have zoom on your computer...**

**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>

Morning Prayer on Zoom – Wednesdays at 9.30am (note new time...)

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

Meeting ID: 758 2258 3530 Password: 005868

**'Hope for Tomorrow – committing to a sustainable future' programme** – After five weeks of our financial sustainability programme – we will be assessing where we are with things next week and will give a more detailed account beginning of December.

**Thank you to those who have completed their form and returned to Ian – and if you haven't already done so, it would be REALLY HELPFUL if you could kindly take a look at your pack and let Ian have your response this week if possible....**

**Note from Jacqueline:** I haven't spoken too much about this after the initial first few weeks, but I hope I was able to get across the point that we just need to do things the best we can – whether it be financial or otherwise – and God will guide and direct us and the outcome will be his. It is not about how much or how little – but about an intention to be willing to have a go – thank you so much for supporting myself and the PCC as we look to find ways to remain viable and sustainable following the really challenging times that all churches are facing due to lockdown amongst other things.... *Blessings and prayers, dear friends....*

**NEW!** – We are looking for a second **Deanery Synod Representative** to attend the Deanery Synod meetings (four a year) which link us to other parishes in our Farnham Deanery. They have interesting speakers and it is a good time to meet others from other local churches – please speak to Naomi if you are interested and she can tell you more about it - ([nrtyrie@gmail.com](mailto:nrtyrie@gmail.com))

**NEW!** – **Wreath-making at St Peter's – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 3.30pm (£15 all-in!) – restricted places which are going fast – so please book** via Chris Wilkes ([parishadmin@cofewrecclesham.org.uk](mailto:parishadmin@cofewrecclesham.org.uk) – 07902 768597) if you would like to join Wendy to make a wreath for Christmas – you're welcome also to bring your own mulled wine and mince pies ☺

**NEW!** – **Please join Vanda for this year's Advent Course** - journeying through the words of three well known Christmas Carols as we take a look at the season of Advent - **Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm for an hour or so on Zoom. December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Please email Vanda on [vanda.bolton@btinternet.com](mailto:vanda.bolton@btinternet.com) to sign up and more information.**

**NEW!** - Not that our diaries will be filling up super-fast I imagine (!) – but the **Christmas Service list** is out now and attached to this email so we can make a note of what will be going on. More nearer the time....

**Wellbeing Group** - Looking after our mental and emotional wellbeing is so important in these challenging times. The Wellbeing Group at St Peter's provides a peaceful, safe and confidential space to share your thoughts and feelings, receive emotional support, and offer a listening ear to others. This is a lovely space led beautifully and gently by Naomi....

You are very welcome at our next meeting, which will be on Zoom at 12.30pm (lunchtime) on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Please email Naomi ([nrtyrie@gmail.com](mailto:nrtyrie@gmail.com)) for more details and the Zoom link. ☺



*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14:27*

**Bishop Andrew's Sermon** - tackles Matthew 25:14-30, the Parable of the Talents and poses the challenge of whether we have got ourselves into a 'convenient place' - carefully placing our talent in a hole in the ground - rather than a place of faithfulness and risk. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8W4uBIIxNwk&feature=youtu.be>  
[Transcript available](#)

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](mailto: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....

**THINKING AHEAD** - In the spirit of fundraising and fun

- we will be launching the **St Peter's Christmas Draw soon!**
- Also – **Wreath Making** will happen in church on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at 3.30pm & Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.30pm
- **Save the Date** – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January – **Zoom to the Quiz!** ☺

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](mailto: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.**

**Wanted** – HMP Send, A Wing: Do you have any unwanted balls of wool that you can donate? Any size, type or colour. Since lockdown the women on the Women's Offender Personality Disorder Unit at HMP Send have been learning to knit and crochet. This activity has proved popular, and important in many ways during this time. The knitted items are donated to charities. We are now running low on wool and would love to receive any unwanted balls you have to be able to keep this going as the benefits are huge. We can also take any unwanted plastic knitting needles or plastic crochet hooks.

If you can help (no amount of wool too small or too great!) please leave in the box on the doorstep of 'The Highlands, 11 Sandrock Hill Road, GU10 4NR' or at the back of St Peter's Church.

Thank you! Anne-Marie Clarke 01252 728606

Farnham Foodbank - URGENT

- Please continue to put donations 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

- **Paul and Naomi** – for leading a hugely interesting Bible Study on Paul's letter to the Galatians – watch this space for the next course after Christmas
- **Schroder Trust** – for their kind and generous grant to St Peter's Church for a new laptop

**Readings:**

Zephaniah 1.7,12-18

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.'<sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. <sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. <sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. <sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 90.1-8(9-11)12

### Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

<sup>1</sup>Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

### Gospel - Matthew 25.14-30

Jesus said to his disciples, <sup>14</sup>The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."