

St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Weekly News Sheet – 21 February 2021

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

The First Sunday of Lent – 21th February 2021

Genesis 9.8-17; Psalm 25.1-10; 1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 1.9-15

LINK FOR THE LIVESTREAM SERVICE - <https://cofewrecclesham.org.uk/streamed-services/>

Please click on the link from ten minutes beforehand and there will be the livestream link to take you to the service

Hymns: Introduction: As the deer pants for the water – First Hymn: Forty days and forty nights – Second Hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say – Hymn before Communion: Be thou my guardian and my guide – Final Hymn: Eternal Father strong to save – End Music: Is he worthy?

The Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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**

This week prayers are asked for - Nigel Jenkinson, John Knight, Paul Smith, Phil Cavalier, Zoe Perkins

RIP – Margaret Young – please pray for Margaret's son Andrew and for Rob and Sam and other friends & family – funeral 24 February

RIP – Valerie Smith (not of this parish) – please pray for daughter Deb and Keith and family – Funeral 3rd March

LATEST NEWS:

St Peter's Church will be closed for worship and private prayer until at least the end of February – in keeping with the message for us all to stay safe and stay at home where we can. I will still be livestreaming on Sunday's at 10am which will be accessible on YouTube later in the day. I will also be taking paper copies of newsheet and service sheet to those without computers....

LENT COURSE – Living His Story/The Poets Gospel - **begins Tuesday 16th February, 7.30-8.45pm** via zoom (please see separate poster) Please speak to Jacqueline or Paul if you would like some information. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82338772302?pwd=MFZ6bGd4UmFMQ0ZaYU1lbjNuNDZlQT09>

Meeting ID: 823 3877 2302 - Passcode: 522958

World Day of Prayer Service – **Friday 5th March, 10.30am** - hosted by St Peter's, led by Wendy Coxell and Roz Forsyth – to be livestreamed – details on the website <https://cofewrecclesham.org.uk/world-day-of-prayer/> **SEE POSTER ATTACHED** – Service booklet in vicarage garage, please see article in Magazine ☺

STOP PRESS! NOTICE OF REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL – The Electoral Roll Revision form is attached to the notices email and will also be displayed on the website until Tuesday 2nd March as church is closed. If anyone new would like to apply please contact Mrs Christine Wilkes parishadmin@cofewrecclesham.org.uk or Jacqueline to receive and application form.

SAVE THE DATE! - The APCM WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY 25TH APRIL AT 11.30AM

SUNDAY SPACE – FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH @ 6PM

'A Quiet (BCP) Night Prayer' - **SUNDAY 7TH MARCH** - will be led by Paul & Teresa – all welcome

link & passcode <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86538354715?pwd=U3NnVkRwL3dlbDR5aENtdzIRbUswQT09>

Meeting ID: 865 3835 4715 - Passcode: 026933

STOP PRESS! - Daily Hope free phone line – 0800 804 8044

In addition to the Hymns, reflections and prayers, more options are being added to help in this time of great need. **The line also offers 'Chair Exercises on the Phone'** which are vital, but gentle exercises, to help with circulation and fitness for this most isolated section of our community.

New for February, 'Sleep well with the Daily Hope'. So many people of all ages, but especially the elderly, are struggling to sleep at this worrying and unsettling time - sleep researchers are now calling this 'Covid-somnia!' To help with this, Daily Hope has launched a series of gentle and relaxing reflections written by our own Pippa Crama, using wonderful Bible verses for callers to listen to on the phone whilst they're in bed.

PLEASE DO SHARE this line far and wide with those you know WHO ARE NOT ON THE INTERNET – click here for poster/info [share the news](#)

STAMPS FOR RNIB – Wendy Coxell has a box in her porch for collection of used stamps for the RNIB – 79 Greenfield Road – please leave a border around the stamps - thank you so much in advance....

Story Buddies Online. This is a not-for-profit organisation designed to bring together primary school children with those living in isolation, predominantly the elderly, through the joy of reading. The scheme operates through online technology so that children read remotely to “Story Buddies” from their own homes. The Story Buddies are trained to listen to children read, in current safeguarding protocols and the use of online technology. The aim is maintain and hopefully improve the children’s reading skills through yet another lock down period and to help improve the mental health and wellbeing of those volunteering as Story Buddies - what’s not to like! Further information can be found in the website www.storybuddies.online.

Farnham Lockdown Poetry Festival which the Parish of Badshot Lea and Hale is organising. Everyone, whatever age or ability, is invited to take part and send in their poems about lockdown and we will be putting as many as we can on our website www.badshotleaandhale.org – **SEE POSTER ATTACHED**

A jigsaw for the winter days? We still have a number of jigsaws left over from last year's Festival. They are located in the Vicarage garage – please use them like a ‘Jigsaw library’ ☺ Small donations welcome only if you would like to...

A NEW PRAYER SPACE – Zoom Prayer Space

Naomi will be hosting 30-minute prayer sessions via Zoom on an ad-hoc basis. Come along to bask in God’s loving presence and be refreshed. Sit quietly in peace or pray out loud as you feel inspired to. If you’d like to be notified when Zoom prayer is taking place, please email Naomi at nrtynie@gmail.com to join the mailing list.

REMINDER – A short version of **Daily Prayer is available on the Church of England Website and as an App.**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

[Download Time To Pray app](#)

[Access the text online](#)

You can pull up and follow the words to the service (it’s about 8 minutes long) – as you listen.

ALPHA ONLINE – Began again on **Thursday 14th January, 8pm – LED BY LIZZY AMBROSE, VANDA & JACQUELINE** – please contact Jacqueline 01252 716431/07806 775974 if you are interested – well worth the hour and a bit ☺ - or just come along.

If you have never been to Alpha – here is a taster of the first session video (20 minutes) –

‘Is there more to life than this?’ <https://player.vimeo.com/video/255751494>

THANK YOU! –

- **To Philip** for overseeing the church stonework repair – it is coming along nicely and I think there will be some photos to show at some point ☺
- **Roger** – for putting together another excellent magazine & Elizabeth Bagnall for the lovely covers - going to print this week and to Sue, June, Beverley and deliverers in advance of March’s roll-out... ☺

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....

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 donations in the Vicarage garage, and Deborah will kindly be taking the food to the Foodbank.

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

Church Times

I receive the Church Times each week and if anyone is interested in reading it after me, please let me know – very happy to pass it on – let me know....

Bible Readings for 14 February 2021 – Sunday Next before Lent

First Reading - 2 Kings 2.1-12

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'
⁴Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'
⁶Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.
⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Psalm 50.1-6

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4.3-6

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Mark 9.2-9

²Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.
⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead