

St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Weekly News Sheet – 2nd May, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8.26-40; Psalm 22.25-31; 1 John 4.7-21; **John 15.1-8**

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

Sunday Zoom for coffee – from 11.45am (NEW TIME!)

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

<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....

Hymns: Intro: Way maker: Opening hymn: Alleluia!, Alleluia! (10) – Gradual hymn: I the Lord of sea and sky (324) – Offertory Hymn: A new commandment (34) – Communion hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord (60) – Final Hymn: O Lord my God (499)

The Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen

Prayer for Communicants at home

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, for all the pains and insults you have borne for us. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen

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

RIP: Ann Cook (Grew up and married in Wrecclesham, sadly died at Grace House Care Home 19th March.)

Please pray for Ann's family – the funeral will be held at Aldershot Crematorium on 13th May.

CLOSING OF THE MARRIAGE REGISTERS – All church registers will be formally closed on 4th May 2021 – there will be a national online Register of Marriages and a new Marriage Document will replace the traditional Marriage Certificate that is signed, witnessed and issued at the time of Holy Matrimony at a church service. This is the end of an era for a written record that goes back to Canon 70 of 1610, with the Act updated in 1836.

We will be praying over our Marriage Register at today's service as we prepare to close it and receive a new Marriage Register for St Peter's Church.

Safeguarding Notice: Parishes have been asked to make the following notice in our News Sheets:

The Past Case Review will commence in Guildford Diocese in May 2021.

Anybody who would like to give information or make disclosures about church related abuse is asked to contact Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Jackie Broadfoot: jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk – 07718 559387.

Or there is an independent National Helpline operated by the NSPCC on 0800 80 20 20. Further information is available at: [http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/safeguarding/past-cases-review-2-\(pcr2\)](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/safeguarding/past-cases-review-2-(pcr2))

A DASH THROUGH DEUTERONOMY: A six-week online study via zoom – starting THURSDAY 29TH APRIL, 8PM – **Be bold and come along to be pleasantly surprised at the design for living that promoted communal living with justice and compassion for the early people of God** – so what went wrong?... Paul will lead us through....

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87920009077?pwd=TW43NnRXOGxRdGhmSjYzMkNmUIJRUT09>

OPEN GARDEN IN CHURCH FOR CHRISTIAN AID THIS WEEKEND – 2nd and 3rd MAY, 10am-1pm and 2 – 5pm

Visitors to the garden have to pre-book this year. This can be done through the National Garden Scheme website link to the garden [here](#).

Sunday Sermon - 'I am the True Vine' (John 15: 1-8). Paul Davies, Archdeacon of Surrey, reflects on the Terror of God's Kingdom <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1biuGhs9zM> - Read the [transcript](#)

Congregation, we need you! We have a wonderful team here at St Peter's, providing intercession prayers and technical support for each weekly service. We would dearly love to hear from anyone who feels a calling to help with these essential parts of the service. Please do not be daunted, intercession prayer comes from the community in a conversational style to our Lord. While on the technical rota we monitor the ipad, iphone music and sometimes the screen in front of the congregation. Please do speak with any member of the team you see each week, Jacqueline or Steven to explore the role. One to one training is in place so you will feel comfortable before helping out. Go on - give it a go, new skills are so important to us all! **Huge thanks, Steven Knowles**

2021 online Farnham Flower Festival - May 15-16TH

The theme is Messages of Hope and Joy and we invite you to send us pictures and/or videos of flowers, flower arrangements, floral art, anything which expresses hope and joy. Please be as creative as you like and have fun!

Please send these to us at admin@badshotleaandhale.org by the end of Tuesday, May 4th.

Any questions? Contact Stella Wiseman: admin@badshotleaandhale.org or 07842761919.

Last year was so brilliant with so many groups involved. Let's make it even bigger than last year! Please pass this on to any organisation who you think may be interested.

Do you want to nominate a Hero to say Thank You. In June, the Mirror will be running a 'Thank a Hero' campaign which looks to publicly thank Britain's grassroots volunteers. Those who have taken time out of their lives to help others, ranging from raising large amounts of money, awareness to a cause or simply picking up their neighbour's shopping.

They would not only like to highlight the thousands of volunteers who signed up to help with Britain's Covid response but also all volunteers who have shown a selfless commitment to helping with their community over the past year.

If anyone has a nominee in mind, please could they email hero@mirror.co.uk . Please could they provide a short biography of the work the nominee has been undertaking/why they are being nominated, as well as their name, age and where they are from.

Thank you

- Vanda and Steven who will be providing techy support for the service today.
- Paul for leading us in our latest small group study on Deuteronomy – most interesting 😊

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](#)

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....

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.

Schroder Trust

Funding is available from the Schroder Trust for Wrecclesham residents and organisations who are in need of assistance – please speak to Rob Durrant, Rev Jacqueline or Jack Crawford for further information and refer to the website for assistance - <https://schrodercharitytrust.org/> - and via Farnham Town Council for the application form - <https://www.farnham.gov.uk/services/grants/the-isabella-schroder-trust>

READINGS – The Fifth Sunday of Easter – 2nd May 2021

First Reading: Acts 8.26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,

and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalm 22.25-31

Second Reading: 1 John 4.7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has

to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us.

²⁰Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel: John 15.1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'