

St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Weekly News Sheet for 26th September 2021

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity – Creation Season 4

Numbers 11.4-6,10-16,24-29; Psalm 19.7-14; James 5.13-20; Mark 9.38-50

Parish Communion – Living our best life

Hymns/Songs: Intro: Christ be in my waking – All creatures of our God and King (6) – Through all the changing scenes of life (675) – There's a wideness in God's mercy (648) – Communion: Eat this bread – A New Commandment (34) – At the name of Jesus (48)

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

The Collect for Trinity 17

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 – Sheila Carver (Jonathan's Mother), Jean Birch, John Knight, and for Sharon (Dawn's sister) (Zoe Perkins, Paul and Nigel are doing well at the moment – thank you for your prayers...)

RIP – Mary Winslade – please pray for comfort for husband John, and sons Allan, Robert and David in their loss. Mary's funeral is Wednesday 29th September.

Please pray for the forthcoming Cafe13@StPeter's Make Lunch project that begins October half-term – and for Kate Mapes and her core team who are training and preparing – and for the volunteers who will join them

Please pray for the forthcoming REFRESH service that begins on Sunday 10th October – and for Zoe and the team who will be making that happen...

TODAY

BIG QUESTIONS - Archbishop Justin Welby – More House School – 11.30am – 12.45pm

Some of us will be leaving after the service – shout if you want to go and need a lift – **NO TICKET NECESSARY!**

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR THE AUTUMN CONCERT! We are delighted to be welcoming **the Hart Male Voice Choir for an Autumn Concert** – **SATURDAY 23RD OCTOBER, 7.30PM** – this will be **ticket-only and limited numbers.** Tickets are £10 and will be available at church on Sundays – or by emailing

vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk or telephone 716431

NEXT WEEK

HARVEST FESTIVAL – 10AM SERVICE – Dry goods for Farnham Food Bank & money offerings for Step by Step and Christian Aid (Haiti and Afghanistan)

We will be having 'live organ/piano music for the first time in a long time – please come along and welcome David Brace who will be playing for us on the first and third Sundays and we are delighted! ☺

Sunday Space – A reflective space for quiet prayer – kindly led by Kathryn Beesley this month

Join Zoom Meeting – Sunday Space - ID: 949 9037 6241 - Passcode: 653736

<https://zoom.us/j/94990376241?pwd=ZW5qOERPvXNmL3BGSVIOZIRPM3dTdz09>

NEW!



Sign up for Walk the Way – and help the vulnerable and disadvantaged in our diocese

People are already signing up for Walk the Way 2021 – the sponsored walk which Bishops Andrew and Jo are participating in to help raise funds for the disadvantaged and vulnerable across our diocese.

On Saturday 9 October groups of walkers will set off from Farnham and Dorking to walk the 13 miles to Guildford. But you can also join in from Puttenham or Newlands Corner for a shorter walk of 5-6 miles.

The sponsored hike is being organised by the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund. The Fund's Lent Appeal earlier this year raised more than £11,000, of which £7,000 has already been distributed in grants. Bishop Andrew will be with the group walking from Farnham and Bishop Jo with those walking from Dorking. Information packs and sponsorship forms can be downloaded from the Community Fund's website by [clicking here](#).

The sponsored walk is an ideal opportunity to raise more funds for new initiatives to help the disadvantaged and vulnerable. To take part in Walk the Way 2021, email claire.isherwood@cofeguildford.org.uk giving your name, parish and likely starting point.

WRECCLESHAM OVER 60'S – On 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month @ 1.30pm – a lovely group meet at the Leverton Hall – please pick up a leaflet for information....

PILGRIMAGE FOR ALL AGES – TO IONA IN 2023 – Interested? If so PLEASE LET JACQUELINE KNOW – and she will look into it in more detail – there are 23 spaces and it would be an intentional journey, but one lovely to make as a church family –

LAST CALL FOR A GROUP GATHERING TO SPRING HARVEST 2022 – Again, please see Jacqueline TO SHOW AN INTEREST

- **SWEEPING AROUND THE CHURCH** – Bob's old broom kit is by the organ if anyone wants to do a bit of tidying up around the church now and then – much appreciated!
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CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

SAVE THE DATE! – SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER, 10AM SERVICE - Bishop of Dorking Jo Bailey Wells will be visiting us and presiding and preaching – we are delighted to be welcoming Bishop Jo back to St Peter's ☺

Postponed – the **Living in Love and Faith** course – has been postponed until the new year. Naomi & Steven will continue to lead the course and you can show your interest by emailing Naomi (nrparkintyrie@gmail.com) or if you'd like more information. You can also visit the LLF Learning Hub (<https://llf.churchofengland.org/>) for some fantastic resources – including podcasts, film clips, and reading suggestions.

UPDATE RE EASING OF RESTRICTIONS: for St Peter's Church - **From Sunday 26th August:**
For the service:

- **NEW GUIDANCE** – Generally, let us continue to be mindful of each other and respective of people's preference in terms of social distancing etc – and help each ourselves and each other to stay safe
 - We continue to recommend the wearing of masks, but this will no longer be a requirementTo enable a continued social distancing precaution:
 - The north aisle continues to provide a socially distanced seating area
 - Cards are available for you to pick up and place next to you when seated – to indicate to other people to leave the seats next to you free.
 - Sitting at the back will offer greater ventilation
- **We remind everyone that we are ALL to sanitise our hands when we come in to church** – and also when using the toilets as this increases a level of safety as the cleaning regime eases a little.

Refreshments:

- It is recommended that people wear masks while queuing at the counter but can be removed at the tables / outside etc..

Morning Prayer on Zoom – Wednesdays at 9.30am (NEW LINK)

<https://zoom.us/j/99052560006?pwd=RVROa2J6MGdEcGg3UWVJQTFTc2t4QT09>

Meeting ID: 990 5256 0006 Passcode: 113113

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....

ALPHA ON TUESDAYS- Jacqueline and Vanda will be leading a small group beginning Tuesday 7th September, **2.30pm** at the Vicarage, 2 Kings Lane – tea, cake and fellowship as we get together to explore faith.

ALPHA IN THE EVENING – IN PERSON & ON ZOOM – The evening group – **7.30pm for 8pm**, and will be led by Lizzy Ambrose – tea/biscuits – wine/nibbles – take your pick as we gather to explore faith via our Wrecclesham-style Alpha Course

ZOOM LINK - <https://zoom.us/j/98595692257?pwd=N1djYzJIRFFqZlliRFkwOUFYcEgyUT09>

Meeting ID: 985 9569 2257 Passcode: 059577

Please speak to Lizzy, Vanda or Jacqueline. This is ideal for those new to faith or those who would like to deepen/refresh/explore their faith in a deeper way – or those who just want some fellowship along the way! **We would LOVE to welcome you to this marvellous Alpha experience Wrecclesham-style – Come and See!**

PLEASE COULD YOU KINDLY PRAY AND PONDER WHO MIGHT BE OUR NEXT TREASURER & SECRETARY – we need these positions to be filled as Pat and Naomi will not be extending their service commitment – they need a rest and we need to help them do that gracefully and gratefully! ☺ **Thank you so much**

TREASURER – Pat Lapworth will be standing down in 2022 after an amazing ten years of being the St Peter's Treasurer and Pat has the accounts running like clockwork. If this is something you might be able to commit to, or if you know of anyone, please be in contact with Pat or myself to talk more.

PCC SECRETARY - Naomi Parkin-Tyrie will also be standing down in 2022 as PCC Secretary after three years of faithful and very efficient service. If this might be something you can help with, then please be in contact with Naomi – or myself to find out more.

Thank you

- To those who helped with our services 8am: Gerald AND Margaret – 10am: Vanda and Steven for techy support – Jenny & Chris for Steward and reading - Vanda for prayers – Jill for lovely flowers - and to our host for refreshments this weekend...
- Thank you to the amazing Messy Church team for a wonderful Messy BBQ yesterday – a huge success with old and new faces enjoying sausage sizzling, games and craft – and being together
- Thank you to Lizzy and Vanda for leading the Alpha sessions – we are hosting 17 guests over the two groups which is marvellous.
- Thank you to the grass-cutters and those who keep the grounds are looking well...

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](#)

Farnham Foodbank – THE BASKET IS NOW LOCATED AT THE CHURCH!

- **Please only donate long-life goods – fresh and perishable goods cannot be accepted** – thank you for all that you contribute
- Please continue to put donations in the basket at St Peter's, and Lizzy Hendry & Stephanie Robinson will kindly be taking the food to the Foodbank. **Jacqueline holds Foodbank vouchers** - please contact her if you or anyone you know would benefit.

St Peter's WhatsApp Group – 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....

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 Farnham Town Council for the application form - <https://www.farnham.gov.uk/services/grants/the-isabella-schroder-trust>

Bible Readings for Trinity 17

First reading: Numbers 11.4-6,10-16,24-29

⁴The rabble among the people had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.'

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child," to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once – if I have found favour in your sight – and do not let me see my misery.'

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.'

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' ²⁹But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!'

Second Reading: James 5.13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Gospel: Mark 9.38-50

³⁸John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' ³⁹But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴²If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.