

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

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lectionary for Trinity 18) Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesian 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Harvest readings: Isaiah 24:3-6, 35:1-2; Mark 4:3-8

HARVEST FESTIVAL with Communion for all ages

Hymns/Songs: We plough the fields and scatter (705) – Who put the colours in the rainbow (736) – Come ye thankful people, come (121) – (Cm) As the deer pants for the water (40) – For the beauty of the earth (167) – Great is thy faithfulness (238)

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 18

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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...)

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL – 10AM SERVICE – Dry goods for Farnham Food Bank & money offerings for Step by Step and Christian Aid (Haiti and Afghanistan) Any Goodbox donations will go towards Christian Aid/Step by Step contributions.

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>

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

GOOD LUCK TO NEIL AMBROSE WHO WILL BE RUNNING THE LONDON MARATHON TODAY – our prayers with him!

NEXT WEEK!

Launch of our new REFRESH afternoon service – 4-5pm – led by Zoe Paine. Thank you to Zoe and the team for pioneering this service – pre-refreshments and relaxed worship. Please do join us to help us get an idea of how it is – and to welcome anyone new who might come along... ☺

If you are able to help with refreshments – please let Jacqueline know – in future we will have a list of what we suggest that you can tick your name off against, but next week we will buy most of the party-food in for the children – IF YOU CAN MAKE A CAKE, THEN THIS WOULD BE VERY WELCOME!

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.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP - Paula Dunsmore is organising a clean-up around Wrecclesham, Saturday 23rd October - Meet at the Bear and Ragged Staff where refreshments will be provided. Details in the magazine...

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!

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 ☺

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: Steven and Elizabeth – 10am: Hugh for techy support – Pat & Ian for Steward and reading - Ian for prayers – Chris & Jill for lovely flowers (beautiful lanterns from Hazel) - and to our hosts Teresa and Rob for refreshments this weekend...
- Thank you and welcome to David Brace – he will be looking after our music on 1st & 3rd Sundays ☺
- 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>

First Reading; Genesis 2.18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.'
¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,
 'This at last is bone of my bones
 and flesh of my flesh;
 this one shall be called Woman,
 for out of Man this one was taken.'

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Psalm 8

Second Reading; Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

'What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?
⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honour,
⁸subjecting all things under their feet.'

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,
¹²saying,

'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

Gospel: Mark 10.2-16

²Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' ³He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' ⁴They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' ⁵But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." ⁷"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹Jesus said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.