

St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Weekly News Sheet for 31st October 2021

All Saints Day

Wisdom of Solomon 3.1-9; Psalm 24.1-6; Revelation 21.1-6; John 11.32-44

Today's service – Are you marching in the light?

Rev Sandy will be presiding and Rev Jacqueline preaching

Hymns/Songs: For all the saints (161) – Let saints on earth in concert sing (378) – Ye watchers and ye holy ones (747) – Cm Hymns: Jerusalem the Golden (not in book) – All Heav'n declares (16) – We are marching in the light of God (692) –

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 All Saints Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, **Amen**

This week prayers are asked for – Sheila Carver (Jonathan's Mother), John Knight, and for Sharon (Dawn's sister), Zoe Perkins

RIP – Roger Ellis, Ron Laney – we pray for their family and friends who mourn at this time...

The funeral of Roger Ellis will take place on Wednesday 17th December, 10.45am, St Peter's Church

Please pray for the life and work of our Church, that we might be part of God's loving and transforming grace here in our place...

NEXT WEEK

SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION OF OUR DEAR DEPARTED – Sunday 7th November, 4pm followed by refreshments – We will be holding our annual quiet and reflective service where we remember our loved ones no longer here with us. – **There will be a sheet at the back of the church on which you are invited to put the name(s) of the loved ones you would like remembered in the roll of honour that will be read out.**

If you haven't attended this service before, you are most welcome and this is a space in which to quietly remember and give thanks...

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – Sunday 14th November, 10am – with a minute-silence at 11am at the Memorial

Save the date - NEXT REFRESH SERVICE – SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, 4-5PM

It would be great if you were able to help with the supply of refreshments for the children- we will have a list of what we suggest that you can tick your name off against – and if you can help on the day then that would be marvellous and perhaps the beginning of a rota – and it's only monthly! ☺

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th December – **YOU ARE INVITED TO DISPLAY A CHRISTMAS TREE** – real or artificial - it might just be pretty - or there might be a theme to it! Either way, let Rob Durrant or Jacqueline know and they'll allocate you a space

Please also let us have any unwanted Christmas decorations for our used-decs stall – all welcome! The basket will be at the back of the church – thank you SO much

WREATH MAKING – the invitation is out there now – and places are filling up fast! If you would like to come along and make a wreath – 8th December or Saturday 11th December, please let Chris Wilkes know! £16 per wreath – mulled wine and mince pies provided! ☺

NEW - ISH!

Café13@StPeter's - Thank you for all your prayers and warm wishes – our lunch club sessions went really well and we had a lovely time with the new friends who came along to share activities and lunch. The next two sessions will be during the Christmas holidays – one session either side of Christmas. Thank you so much, Kate, for holding the vision and making this happen, to Bridget our catering lead and chef extraordinaire – and to the amazing team who made everything else happen!

CANCELLED - NEXT MESSY ADVENT CHURCH: Watching and Waiting: The Heart of Christmas – WE HAVE HAD TO CANCEL MESSY CHURCH THIS SESSION ☹ – BACK IN JANUARY, DATE TBC

PILGRIMAGE TO IONA IN 2023 – or perhaps 2022 – Interested? We have had a couple of people ask about this – I will put together some information – **please let me know if you are interested in making this Monday-Friday 4-day trip** If so **PLEASE LET JACQUELINE KNOW** - there are 23 spaces and it would be a lovely experience for us to share as a church family –

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....

CURRENT NEWS & NOTICES

WEBMASTER WANTED– Vanda Bolton has done a sterling job of keeping the website going especially since Paul has left – but is now being called to other areas of church life and so we need someone who might have a heart for things WEBSITE – please come and see me if you think you might be able to help with this – MUCH APPRECIATED!

MAGAZINE – CO-EDITOR – Roger is doing a grand job as we know and Jacqui and myself are working to provide content along with everyone who kindly contributes – ROGER WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO WORK ALONGSIDE HIM BEHIND THE SCENES – if you think you can be part of our marvellous magazine team, please speak to Jacqueline or Roger Jefferyes...

UPDATE RE EASING OF RESTRICTIONS:

For the service:

- **NEW GUIDANCE** – safety precautions are now recommendations rather than requirements - 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..
- **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!

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....

HELPING TO KEEP THE ST PETER'S SHOW ON THE ROAD! (see notices above and this!)

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 services today – very much appreciated and valued
- Thank you to Kate Mapes and the Café13@St Peter's Make-Lunch team for two wonderful days of hospitality, welcome and love – and great food!
- The grass is continuing to be cut and the church yards are looking very nice and tidy – so thank you ALL who are involved in this wonderful service...

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>

Readings for All Saints – 31st October

Wisdom of Solomon 3.1-9

- ¹The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
²In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
³and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
⁴For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
⁵Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
⁶like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.
⁷In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
⁸They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.
⁹Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

Psalm 24.1-6

Second Reading; **Revelation 21.1-6**

¹I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more for the first things have passed away.’

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ ⁶Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’

Gospel: John 11.32-44

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He

said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.'³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.'⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.'⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'