

St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Weekly News Sheet for 28th November 2021
Advent Sunday

Hymns/Songs: Intro: People look East; O come O come Emmanuel (469) – Lord Jesus at your coming (407) – A great and mighty wonder (4) – Communion – Christ has no body but yours (Anthem) – I the Lord of sea and sky (324) – I cannot tell (288)

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

Rev Sandy will be presiding and preaching today at the 8am and 10am and also at the 6pm Advent Reflection – I am having the weekend off as Alex and my daughter Maria are married. I am delighted that after lockdown challenges they will be married and we pray for them and others who are preparing to be married that their love be blessed richly.

The Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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), John Knight, and for Sharon (Dawn's sister), Zoe Perkins

RIP – Reginald Green (Reg and Elizabeth Green used to be members of St Peter's and hugely involved in Sunday lunches that used to be served – Reg's funeral is 8th December

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...

COMING UP

ADVENT COURSE – BEGAN ON THURSDAY While we watch and wait...

Advent with the Saints Join our St Peter's online Advent group, starting 8pm on Thursday 25th November. Email Naomi: nrparkintyrie@gmail.com or Steven: stevenknowles1@gmail.com for further details or link in at Zoom

link: <https://zoom.us/j/91456521416?pwd=TEJmajVxU3hFSG1ZKzh6dk5yWHFzQT09>

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 – **WE NEED SOME HELP DURING SAT/SUN PLEASE** – please see Rob or Jacqueline – a gang of us to make a rota to spend an hour or so covering the refreshments / decs stall and the meet and greet in the church would be great 😊

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 – **there are a few places left – Saturday 11th December, 10am** - please let Chris Wilkes know! £16 per wreath – mulled wine and mince pies provided! 😊

POSADA – Sign-up sheet is now on the notice board – **NOBODY HAS SIGNED UP – we will put this away and try next year – perhaps Wendy will take care of it for us....** 😊

Nativity figures travel round the parish from place to place, staying at a different house every night, and finally taking their place in the church crib at the Crib Service, ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas day. Mary and Joseph's journey through the parish reminds us that we need to make room for Jesus in our lives, homes and communities. **Thank you Wendy for organising this...** 😊

URGENT! WE NEED A TREASURER - NOW! – 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.

Farnham Community News –

It's in the Bag: help the Hygiene Bank support 450 people in need

Each year the Hygiene Bank launches an appeal to support those who are homeless, women and children at risk, and care leavers in supported housing to receive the hygiene products they need. This year, at donation points across the town, you can help by giving essential toiletry products, along with a luxury item or two. Donation points can be found here by entering your postcode: <https://thehygienebank.com/christmas-appeal-itsinthebag-2021/>

Alex, the Project Manager, shared: “It is going to be a struggle to fulfil that number of bags so any help we can get with promotion of the campaign would be very much appreciated. We are a volunteer organisation so we’re relying on donations from the public. The campaign runs through to end of November to allow us time to collect and distribute before Christmas.”

Christmas Lunch Deliveries, Right at Home

After the success of last year, Right at Home are running their Christmas Lunch initiative, where volunteers to make an extra portion of their lunch and deliver this to a person in need. Right at Home match volunteers to a person in need, aiming to keep this within a 5 mile radius, a week or so before Christmas. They provide everything needed to transport the meals and there is usually extras like Christmas cards from a local school and donations from Waitrose. It is a super easy way to really make a difference to someone this Christmas when loneliness and isolation feels emphasised.

The link to sign up is here: [Christmas Lunch Volunteer](#)

They also want to know if you know someone or perhaps your clients might be in need of a Christmas lunch and a bit of festive cheer, if so you can make a referral here: [Yes please, I would like a Christmas Day delivery](#)

Lion’s Project Wenceslas fighting fuel poverty

On the 25th Nov the Lions are launching their initiative encouraging people to share their winter fuel allowance with those who need extra funds. With the rise in fuel prices, donating this year is more important than ever. The money goes straight to utility companies and allows fuel cards to be topped up; there is no limit on the relief as well.

If you know anyone in need, please refer them to the Lions, a referral can come from any organisation.

Attached is the application form for referring someone. For more details:

<https://www.lionsgiving.co.uk/Appeal/farnhamwenceslas>

Community Carol Service, 14th December

Rotary and the Spire Church are hosting a Community Carol Service on 14th December. If you’d like an invite, but have not received one please email Michael michael.hopkins@urc.org.uk who will organise one.

Hale Christmas Tree Festival and Market, Sat 18th December

Hale Community Centre are hosting Christmas Market with stalls, games, toys, food and much more. There is an opportunity to visit Santa, and they are inviting local families, groups and businesses to enter the Christmas Tree Festival. To find out more about entering email info@halecommunitycentre.org.uk by Fri 10 Dec. Anyone who would like a stall please email: haleccprojects@gmail.com

Attached is a poster to share onwards

Farnham Foodbank

They will be supporting 400 families this Christmas to receive Hampers, with support from the Hedgehog on deliveries, with referrals coming mainly through schools. They are experiencing similar demand for food parcels as the same time last year.

Brightwells Gostrey

22nd December will be hosting a Christmas lunch for clients. Community Meal Service continues to provide vital support to the most vulnerable members of the community, helping to ensure that they regularly have a fresh, nutritionally balanced meal.

Since re-opening doors in June, have seen a 61% increase in clients, who have the opportunity to partake in physical activity, receive entertainment and visits from local school children. Plans are in place for a dedicated bus service in the new year.

NEW - ISH!

Moira Davies has written a most interesting book – ‘Boundstone in the 1960s – this is available for £2 which will be donated to charity (apologies, I can’t remember which one – I will confirm next week...)

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....

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM FARNHAM ASSIST! – Flower & Christmas Wreath demonstration – **24th November, 2.30pm** – The Vineyard, Farnham £5 per person – **proceeds to Farnham Assist** – to reserve a space – 01252 717710 or email angela.weston@farnham-assist.org.uk

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....

Thank you

- To those who have helped with services today & supplied refreshments – very much appreciated and valued
- To Vanda and Lizzie Ambrose for leading an amazing Alpha Series 4 – new friendships made, deeper faith experienced and such a blessing of spiritual energy for St Peter's Church
- To Sandy for covering all the services today – three of them...
- To Naomi and Steven for leading our Advent Series this year...
- To all those who are quietly keeping the show on the road

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**

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.

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 28th November: Advent Sunday

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel Reading – Luke 21.25-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ²⁵There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see "the Son of Man

coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, ³⁵and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'