

St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Weekly News Sheet for 5th December 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

Hymns/Songs: Hills of the north rejoice (270) – Long ago prophets knew (270) – Longing for light (401) –
Communion – Light of the world you stepped down into darkness (Anthem) –
As the deer pants for the water (40) – The Spirit lives to set us free (walk in the light) (652)

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 the Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we
may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **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 – John G Barnard

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

SERVICES FOR 12TH DECEMBER – A warm welcome and thanks to **Bishop Christopher Herbert** WHO will be presiding and preaching at the **8am service** of Holy Communion – and **Rev Sandy** will be presiding and preaching at the 10am Parish Communion for the Third Sunday of Advent.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – happening as we speak! ☺ THANK YOU to everyone who has been involved – especially Rob & Sam as they have taken the lead on this – and to everyone who have displayed their beautiful Christmas Trees – **we will look forward to singing some carols by Christmas Tree light at the end of our session this afternoon at 4pm...**

REFRESH! – Christmas Celebration – next week, Sunday 12th December, 4-5pm – refreshments, nativity fun & relaxed worship – together ☺

REMINDER – BOOKING REQUIRED FOR – Carol Service, Sunday 19th @ 6pm – and Christmas Eve Nativity services 2.30pm & 4pm - Please use Eventbrite links:

Carol Service - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/215215213497>

Crib Service - 2.30PM -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/230pm-christmas-eve-crib-service-tickets-215436385027>

Crib Service – 4pm - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-eve-crib-service-tickets-215422052157>

– or email vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk /Tel: 01252 716431

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>

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.

POPPY APPEAL UPDATE – Andrew Jones worked hard to have boxes in prominent local places in Wrecclesham, including St Peter's Church – we are pleased to say that Wrecclesham raised £367.18 – with £86.48 being raised at St Peter's Church. Andrew thanks everyone for their donations – and a HUGE thank you to Andrew for his efforts.

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....

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

<https://zoom.us/j/99052560006?pwd=RVR0a2J6MGdEcGg3UWVJQTFTc2t4QT09>

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 Sandy for covering all the services last week – hugely appreciated by a very proud mother-of-the-bride
- To those who helped me personally to prepare the church and the vicarage for Maria & Alex's wedding – really appreciated hugely...
- 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!)

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 Second Sunday of Advent – Year C

First Reading; *Baruch 5.1-9*

- ¹Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.
- ²Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
- ³for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.
- ⁴For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.
- ⁵Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them.
- ⁶For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
- ⁷For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
- ⁸The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command.
- ⁹For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Psalm; Luke 1.68-79

Second Reading; Philippians 1.3-11

My brothers and sisters, ³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Reading; Luke 3.1-6

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."