

**St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Weekly News Sheet for 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022**

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

**EPIPHANY**

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

**PLEASE NOTE:**

[Face coverings are now compulsory in places of worship unless people are exempt.](#)

**SUNDAY EVENING @ 6PM via Zoom - SUNDAY SPACE FOR JANUARY 2022** – A 30 minute space to listen to God and respond in whatever way you feel inspired to. Each session will begin with a prayer or reading from the host, and after that we'll be free to sit quietly, pray out loud, or share a reading – whatever God nudges us to do. Come along and give it a go. ☺ **This month will be led by Kathryn Beesley**

**Zoom Link** - <https://zoom.us/j/94990376241?pwd=ZW5qOERPvXNmL3BGSVIOZIRPM3dTdz09>

Meeting ID: 949 9037 6241 - Passcode: 653736

**Morning Prayer on Zoom – Wednesdays at 9.30am (20 mins)** – please do give this a try if you can – it's a lovely space to take time to pause during the week...

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

Meeting ID: 990 5256 0006 Passcode: 113113

Please contact Jacqueline on [vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk](mailto: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....

**The Collect for Epiphany**

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory 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), John Knight, and for Sharon (Dawn's sister), Zoe Perkins, Andrew Jones (who has had an long-awaited operation on his foot & is convalescing - **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...**

**BAPTISM AND/OR CONFIRMATION: Affirming our faith – all ages:** if you would like to consider affirming your journey of faith through Baptism and/or Confirmation, then please come and speak to Jacqueline about preparing for this very special occasion – it will be lovely to share the journey with you.... ☺ (07806 775974 / 01252 716431 – [vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk](mailto:vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk) )

– **A plea from Jacqueline: 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.

**NEW - ISH!**

**Andrew Jones** would like to thank everyone who has helped him along the way of convalescing these past few weeks – this is really encouraging him and he feels truly cared for – we look forward to seeing Andrew out and about again towards the end of January and our prayers are with him for healing grace..

**Lion's Project Wenceslas fighting fuel poverty**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> 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>

**COLLECTING BOX FOR USED STAMPS** – The box is at the back of the Church in aid of the RNIB and Wendy will send them of in the New Year – thank you, Wendy!

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month @ 1.30pm – a lovely group meet at the Leverton Hall – please pick up a leaflet for information....

## Thank you

- To those who have helped with services today & supplied refreshments – very much appreciated and valued
- Thank you to everyone who made Advent/Christmas happen in so many rich and special ways – marvellous!

## 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](mailto: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 Epiphany 2022

Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6 - “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.”

Reading: Ephesians 3.1-12 - <sup>1</sup>I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - <sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 2:1- After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: ““But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler

who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.”” Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.