

St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Weekly News Sheet for 9th January 2022

First Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 43.1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8.14-17; **Luke 3.15-17,21-22**

Today's service: The Baptism of Christ & Renewal of our Baptismal Vows

We warmly welcome Tim Sturt who will be playing the organ on 2nd and 4th Sundays – we are delighted you are here – we are blessed to have both Tim and David Brace leading our music – thank you so much!

Hymns: Crown him with many crowns (125); Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire (105); Hail to the Lord's anointed (244); Communion – Holy Spirit, living breath of God; O let the Son of God enfold you (495); God is working his purpose out (205)

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.](#)

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 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

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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)

NEW! – Living in Love and Faith – Another chance to try this thought-provoking course - Begins Thursday 3rd February at 8pm – this might not be something you would usually take part in but I really heartily recommend coming...

What does it mean to be human? How should Christians respond to changing patterns in sexuality and relationships in society? What does it mean for followers of Jesus to walk in love, faith and holiness today?

This five-part online course, explores questions of identity, relationships, and sexuality in the light of our Christian faith. In each session, we'll watch some videos together, have a Bible study, and spend time talking and reflecting. The aim is for this to be a safe, respectful, and honest space, where we listen to and learn from each other.

Please email Naomi (nrparkintyrie@gmail.com) to sign up for the course, or if you'd like more information.

You can also visit the LLF Learning Hub (<https://llf.churchofengland.org/>) for some fantastic resources – including podcasts, film clips, and reading suggestions.

– **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.

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>

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 2nd and 4th 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 Rob for tidying up after Christmas – the crib will be with us until Candlemas

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>

Bible Readings – Epiphany 1: Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 43.1-7

¹Thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶I will say to the north, ‘Give them up’,
and to the south, ‘Do not withhold’;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth –
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.’

Psalm 29

Second Reading: Acts 8.14-17

¹⁴When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had

not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3.15-17,21-22

(In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.) ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'