

## St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Weekly News Sheet for 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

The Second Sunday of Epiphany – 16 January 2022

Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm 36.5-10; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; **John 2.1-11**

'All in God's time...'

Hymns: Brother, sister let me serve you (81); Come to a wedding; Seek ye first the Kingdom of God (575); Be still for the presence of the Lord (60); We have a Gospel to proclaim (701)

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](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 Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 – **RIP** – Carol Edgoose (Rachel Sturt's mother)

**Please pray for the PCC his Wednesday as they meet to steward the operational side of our church-life.**

**Please also 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 SUNDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY, 4PM - MESSY CHURCH** – the theme is '**The Fruits of the Spirit**' – refreshments, activities and craft – and something nice to eat to take home (no food-sharing this time...) – please let Jacqueline know if you are able to help with this and/or other sessions (please see email that has been sent round...)

**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))

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

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](mailto: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 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 especially to Pat Lapworth this week as regular and end-of-year finance figures are prepared for the PCC meeting on Wednesday – to Naomi for preparing the papers and agenda - and thank you to all PCC members for their time and faithful commitment to the life of St Peter’s church.
- To Vanda, Steven and Ian our outside techy expert for managing to find the cause of the problem with our system and for getting things up and running again – and especially to Vanda and John Bolton who stayed behind last Sunday and came in during the week on a few occasions in an endeavour to solve the mystery – hugely appreciated!

**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>

Bible Readings – Epiphany 2:

First Reading; **Isaiah 62.1-5**

- <sup>1</sup>For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- <sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.
- <sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 - <sup>1</sup>Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**Gospel; John 2.1-11** - <sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, <sup>10</sup>'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.