

**St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Weekly News Sheet for 23rd January 2022**

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps19; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21

Today's service: 'Together we stand....'

Hymns: Brother, Jesus shall reign (354); I the Lord of sea and sky (324); My God how wonderful you are (452); All I once held dear (18); (Bread of heav'n on thee we feed (73); O for a thousand tongues (474)

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

**STOP PRESS!** – Our very own Rachel Sturt will be featured on **SONGS OF PRAISE THIS SUNDAY** – showcasing the amazing ministry to older people as Anna Chaplains that Rachel and her team have been offering in the care homes of Alton and surrounding areas – **well done to Rachel – and we look forward to seeing more of Rachel very soon!**

**CANCELLED FOR TODAY - MESSY CHURCH** – due to higher covid numbers recently within the schools – we will start up again when things are safer....

**COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS – PLEASE NOTE:**

Face coverings are still compulsory in places of worship unless people are exempt.

**BUT FROM NEXT WEEK – face coverings will not be compulsory, but a personal preference –**

**we will keep the north aisle available for those who wish to continue to socially distance**

**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, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 will hopefully become mobile this week...)

**RIP** – Carol Edgoose (Rachel Sturt's mother – funeral will be 8<sup>th</sup> February)

**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...**

**OUTWARD GIVING** – We are delighted to confirm that following the end-of-year accounting, we have been able to send the following donations:

Seeds for Development - £974 outward giving – plus £99.50 from the Carol Service

Step by Step, Aldershot - £974 outward giving – plus 204.74 from the Harvest Festival and Carol Service

The Children's Society - £975 outward giving – plus £149.33 raised at the Christingle

**This is a marvellous effort on our part in the light of currently financial constraints – A HUGE WELL DONE!**

**A CALL FOR PCC MEMBERS, PLEASE!** – we will be thin on the ground of PCC members at the next APCM

– please do think about coming on board with this – we meet every two months to think about the business and spiritual side of the church because actually – there is no separation, we can't do one without the other –

**Please do pray about this and see if you might be able serve in this way.** Please see Jacqueline or Rob or any of the current PCC members if you would like to know more....

– **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.

**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.

### **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
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**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.
- They urgently need – **Chunky soups – baked beans – sardines in tomato sauce – tinned tuna**

**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 3:**

**First Reading: Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10**

<sup>1</sup>All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

<sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

<sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

### Psalm 19

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

<sup>12</sup>Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

<sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

<sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

#### Gospel: Luke 4.14-21

<sup>14</sup>Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'