

St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Weekly News Sheet for 19th December 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

CHRISTINGLE

Micah 5.2-5a; Luke 1.46b-55 (Magnificat); Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45(46-55)

Reading for Christingle - Isaiah 9.2, 6-7

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.

Christingle

We are sad that the Wrecclesham Songbirds were unable to attend in full and in person this morning, but we have video recordings that will be shared of the two pieces that they have been rehearsing for this service and we thank Mel and the choir so much for offering such lovely music from the heart – and thank you to David who accompanied them – and to David for playing today for the Christingle.

Thank you to Wendy and Rob for preparing the Christingles –

Thank you to the Coop for the oranges and sweets – and bags and to Carl and Jp at **McColls** for helping out with bags and publicity....

Thank you to Zoe and Steven who will be leading our talk and lead us into our Christingle making!

Thank you to Vanda and Steven for the extra techy things to play the Songbird video – and to everyone who made the service happen – thank you!

THANK YOU TO CHRIS AND THE FLOWER TEAM – for the lovely wreaths and greenery adorning the church windows in preparation for our Carol Service this evening – flowers will burst forth on Christmas Day! ☺

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..

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; 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 a long-awaited operation on his foot & is convalescing - Please pray for Ken and Penny as they prepare for their wedding on Wednesday 22 December. Please pray for Daisy who will be baptised this morning – and for her parents and Godparents
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

Community Carols – it was a joint decision between school, community and church to cancel the carols yesterday – this was a social gathering and would have been lovely but it wasn't one that was necessary and Cllr Paula Dunsmore led the decision to take heed from Government guidelines and postpone until next year when everything is more settled and safer – hopefully...

CAROL SERVICE, 19TH DEC, 6PM – this is now full and we look forward to welcoming Steven Lacey and the Farnham Pilgrim Choir who will join us to lead our carol singing and offer anthems throughout the service. Thank you to everyone who is helping with the service – and to all who will be attending...

Christmas Eve Nativity services 2.30pm & 4pm

Please use Eventbrite links below:

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 – week 4, 16th December - thank you so much to Naomi and Steven for leading a very meaningful and interesting and reflective Advent Course these past four weeks – leading us on into the depths of Advent waiting for the glory of Christmas to come...

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

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.

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>

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)

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

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 Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year C

First reading: Micah 5.2-5a

The LORD says to his people:

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

⁶in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

⁸When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1.39-45(46-55)

³⁹Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

⁴⁶And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

⁴⁸for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'