

St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Weekly News Sheet for 27th February 2022

The Sunday Next before Lent

Exodus 34.29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; **Luke 9.28-36**,

Today's service – Climb every mountain....

Hymns: Opening Hymn: Christ whose glory fills the skies (93) – Gradual Hymn: Bright the vision (129) – Offertory Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia hearts to heaven (10) – Communion: Christ is our light (Anthem) – Be still for the presence of the Lord (60) – Final Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the almighty (555)

The Collect for the Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS – PLEASE NOTE:

RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED – 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
Being mindful of keeping each other safe – observing personal space – hand sanitising & ventilation will help us keep things as covid-secure as possible

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....

This week prayers are asked for – John Birch, Bob Parrott, Reg Skeet, Peggy Rapley, John Knight, and for Sharon (Dawn's sister), Zoe Perkins – for all who are poorly, especially those succumbing to the local outbreak of the virus.

We give thanks for the healing and ongoing wellbeing of all recovering and on the mend from illness....

RIP – Priscilla Weldon: (Funeral at Aldershot Crematorium on Thursday 3rd March, 2.15pm)

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, & in particular please pray in the seeking of a new Treasurer

THIS MORNING – We will have a small **Fair Trade table in the hall after coffee** in honour of Fairtrade Fortnight – St Peter's School have kindly let us have some of their stock for us to purchase – no food, I'm afraid, but some nice bits and pieces at very good prices

NEW! WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – the **Service will be held at St Andrew's on Friday 4th March**, 10.30am – please see poster at the back of church – and I will send it round during the week.

LENT IS ON ITS WAY - THIS WEEK -

Please see notice board for information & to sign up to our Lenten programme:

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – Imposition of Ashes & Communion – 10am(no hymns) & 8pm

- **Rev Rachel Sturt will be presiding and preaching at this service – welcome Rachel!**

LENT MEDITATIONS - 'Walking with Jesus towards Easter' – Six sessions beginning **8.30am Saturday 5th March**,

A series of meditations from Luke's gospel on Saturday mornings, from March 5th to April 9th. 8.30am start to finish by 9.30am, with opportunity to leave at 9am, if you wish.

Zoom code: <https://zoom.us/j/95023083719?pwd=cFZucU2dUhiOXNqYnc1UnhZaTB6dz09>

Meeting ID: 950 2308 3719 Passcode: 670517

Using scripts from 'Taketime' meditations, these sessions will offer a relaxation exercise and reading of a gospel story, followed by time to rest in God's presence and encounter Jesus in a different way.

These sessions are for anybody, whether or not you 'have faith' or any experience of church. Each session stands alone.

Please let Kathryn Beesley know if you are at all interested in participating or have any questions. Phone: 724366 or email: kathryn@abeehive.co.uk

LENT COURSE – Daring to see God now – a five-week course beginning 8pm Thurs 10th March – see attached and the poster at church ...

LENT LUNCHEs - 12.30 – 1.30pm - Wed 9th March – Wed 23rd March – Thurs 7th April **please sign up if you can!** (If anyone would kindly like to help with soup-making/serving/prepping etc please let Jacqueline know... ☺)

EASTER TRAIL – we will be preparing our Easter Trail that we created last year for those new to the area

NEW! CHOIR / SINGING GROUP - **Tim and David** would like to ask if there is anyone who would like to be part of a **choir**, particularly for the 2nd and 4th Parish Communion – and/or a group of **informal singers** – for the 1st and 3rd Sundays, i.e. singing one or two new songs before the service for example... **Please see Tim or David** **If you are interested to know more – it will be lovely to revive some of our choral tradition and begin something new...** ☺

NEW! HYMNS – you can choose! – If you have a hymn that you would particularly like to sing to acknowledge an anniversary or just because you like it, please let Jacqueline know and we can make it happen! ☺

NEW! FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S – We are seriously hoping to form a 'Friends of St Peter's' that will hopefully attract supporters - people who love their parish church but who might not necessarily want to worship – but would like to see the fabric of the building and the sustainability of its presence in Wrecchlesham flourish for the future.

If you are interested in helping to get this off the ground please have a word with Jacqueline to talk further. In the meantime, please pray into this idea that we be shown how God might be directing us to enter into this venture for the good of make things happen....

NEW! - CALLING PEOPLE TO JOIN THE SMALL GROUPS WHO MEET TO PREP/PLAN/KEEP AN EYE ON THE VARIOUS THINGS THAT HELP MAKE ST PETER'S TICK OVER:

Fabric and Finance Group – Events & Fundraising Group – Worship & Spirituality Group

Please speak to Rob or Jacqueline if you would like to chat about offering some time and talent for St Peter's in the name of the Lord! ☺

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....

PRESENTATION BY MOIRA – 'I will be giving a presentation on Boundstone in the 1960's to the Wrecchlesham History Group on the 9th April in St Peter's Church beginning at about 10.30 am. The visuals will be done by Roy Waight with me doing the commentary. Guests will be welcome. This will be based on the booklet of the same title. Warm wishes, Moira Davies.'

Calling all budding article-writers – for the Parish Magazine! – Roger and the team are doing a sterling job keeping the magazine published and delivered – thank you team magazine! However in order to keep articles interesting it would be good to have **some offers of articles which could be anything at all** – from holiday memories – hobby interests – favourite book reviews – poems – anything at all! **Please be bold and share with us snippets of interest that will interest us all!** ☺ **If you can take part please let Jacqueline know** – vicar@cofewrecchlesham.org.uk – Tel: 716431 - and you can liaise about which month you would like to choose.

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@cofewrecchlesham.org.uk)

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

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.

Thank you

- Thank you to everyone who made this week's services run smoothly – and to our servers, stewards, readers and intercessors – and musicians who give their time and efforts into make our services run well and reverently – we are blessed....
- Sally – for coordinating and leading the Steward's meeting last week – and for helping to maintain a high standard of health and safety in all areas with meticulous record-keeping and awareness of legal requirements – thank you, Sally!
- To the Fabric and Finance group – Jonathan, Philip, Gerald (Chair), Rob (Co-chair), Steven, Sally and Pat for committing time and talent to keeping on top of the building and finance business side of our churchlife – **and especially thank you to Pat Lapworth for ten faithful years as Treasurer and member of the Fab and Fin** – but who is now passing on the baton and wending her way towards a well-deserved rest!
- Thank you to Rob for being such a pro-active churchwarden and responding to this and that with commitment and good grace – and sometimes at very short notice! You're much appreciated, Rob! ☺
- To Chris and the flower team for our beautiful flowers – and we make the most of them this week as next week will be the First Sunday of Lent and the last of the flowers until our Easter Day celebrations...

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 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!

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....

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 – **Cuppa Soup or sachet soups – tinned fruit in juice – peanut butter – milk powder (@6/2)**

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

Reading: Exodus 34.29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Psalms 99

Second Reading; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

¹²Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened.

Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

¹Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Gospel; Luke 9.28-36

²⁸Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.