

**St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Weekly News Sheet for 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

The First Sunday of Lent - Communion for All Ages

Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 91.1-2,9-16; Romans 10.8b-13; **Luke 4.1-13**

'Saying yes to God...'

**Hymns:** Opening: Forty days (173) - Seek ye first the kingdom of God (575) - I heard the voice of Jesus say (300) – Cm1: Bread of life, hope of the world (recorded) Cm2: The Lord's my shepherd (637) - Lord of all hopefulness (550)

The Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

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](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....

**This week prayers are asked for** – John Birch, Bob Parrott (home from hospital now) Reg Skeet, Peggy Rapley, for Sharon (Dawn's sister), Zoe Perkins – for all who are poorly, especially those succumbing to the local outbreak of the virus – we have a few folk laid up and isolating at the moment.... ☹  
However, we give thanks for the healing and ongoing wellbeing of all recovering and on the mend from illness....

**RIP** – John Knight (John very sadly died on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February – we hold dear Rosemary and her family on our hearts and in our prayers. John's funeral will be at Guildford Crematorium on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 3pm)

**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 .....**

**Congratulations!** To Michael and Pat Guy who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Blessings and prayers with you both as you quietly mark this special occasion...

**This morning: the Fair Trade table with some small gifts will be in the hall after coffee** - 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 .....

**ELECTORAL ROLL** - Our Electoral Roll is being revised prior to the APCM on 24<sup>th</sup> April. If you qualify and would like to be added to the roll please speak to Jacqueline or Chris Wilkes by Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

**LENT HAS BEGUN!**

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

**MEDITATION - 'Walking with Jesus towards Easter'** – Six sessions beginning **8.30am Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March – (I attended the first session yesterday** – what a nourishing experience and beautifully presented – thoroughly recommended to help with engaging with a deeper meaning to Lent – thank you so much Kathryn, Jacqueline

A series of meditations from Luke's gospel on Saturday mornings, from March 5<sup>th</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup>. 8.30am start to finish by 9.30am, with opportunity to leave at 9am, if you wish. **Click on the link to join the group...**

Zoom code: <https://zoom.us/j/95023083719?pwd=cFZucUv2dUhiOXNqYnc1UnhZaTB6dz09>

Meeting ID: 950 2308 3719 Passcode: 670517

**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](mailto:kathryn@abeehive.co.uk)**

**LENT COURSE BEGINS THIS THURSDAY AT THE VICARAGE** – Daring to see God now – a five-week course beginning 8pm Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> March – see attached and the poster at church ...

**LENT LUNCHEAS BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** - 12.30 – 1.30pm – then Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> 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 WOULD LOVE TO HAVE SOME SINGERS AROUND HIM AS HE PLAYS THE ORGAN – PLEASE HAVE A CHAT WITH HIM – it's all informal!** ☺

**AND DAVID would like a singing group for 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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! - 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! ☺

**Rob has been chair of the Events Group but has less time at the moment and is standing down – PLEASE DO CONSIDER JOINING US – EVEN TO BE CHAIR (although we all chip in ☺) – TO HELP CONJOUR UP SOME NEW IDEAS AND WAYS TO RAISE MONEY AND HAVE FUN AT THE SAME TIME!** ☺

**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....

**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 stirling 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](mailto: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](mailto:vicar@cofewrecchlesham.org.uk) )

**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....

- To Naomi and Steven for leading a thought-provoking and engaging LLF course – our thoughts and reflections can now feed into the bigger conversation being had in the Church of England around relationships and human sexuality and all that it means in being church together with unity in our diversity.
- A continuing thank you to those who are quietly keeping the grounds looking nice and tidy and cared for – what a blessing....

### **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 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 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....

**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](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>

### **Readings**

#### **First Reading: Deuteronomy 26.1-11**

Moses spoke to the people, saying: <sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

#### **Psalm 91.1-2,9-16**

#### **Second Reading; Romans 10.8b-13**

<sup>8</sup>What does scripture say?

'The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart

and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' <sup>12</sup>For

there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

### **Gospel: Luke 4.1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you",

<sup>11</sup>and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.