

St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Weekly News Sheet
Second Sunday of Lent – 13th March 2022

Genesis 15.1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-35,
Today, tomorrow and the next day – living out our core values

Today we welcome Rev Rachel Sturt as she presides at our 8am and 10am services for the first time in a while – lovely to have you back, Rachel!

President: Rev Rachel Sturt – Preacher: Rev Sandy Cavalier – Organist: Tim Sturt

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Hymns: Opening: Great is thy faithfulness (238) – Put thou thy trust in God (560) – I cannot tell (288) – Cm Anthem: Drop, drop, slow tears (recorded) Cm2: As the deer (40) – 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

UKRAINE - COLLECTION BOX FOR DONATIONS

FOR NEXT FEW WEEKS - There will be a collection box for Ukraine – donations will be for DEC Humanitarian Fund for Ukraine. Please make cheques payable to Wrecclesham PCC – and PLEASE do not use the contactless as we won't be able to distinguish between monies for St Peter's or the DEC – thank you so much

REFRESH TODAY @ 4PM

If you would like some relaxed worship – some tea & toast and a chat – then please do come along to REFRESH this afternoon – 4-5pm – it's a space for all ages to come and enjoy being together.

UKRAINE – A gentle Service for Peace and Hope @ St Peter's Church

6pm, Wednesday 16th March – a time to gather to light a candle / be still / reflect / pray with words & music for peace & hope... There will be a little craft table for younger people....

MESSY CHURCH IS BACK! – MESSY EASTER

4-6pm, Sunday 3rd April – all ages welcome! - Come and join us as we gather once again for an afternoon of craft, conversation – and share our supper together (Jacket potatoes this time!)

PLEASE! WE NEED PEOPLE TO HELP WITH REFRESHMENTS / REGISTRATION / FOOD / CLEARING AWAY
(please let Jacqueline know – vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk / 716431 / 07806 775974)

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS LIFTED – PLEASE NOTE:

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 (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 28th February – we hold dear Rosemary and her family on our hearts and in our prayers. John's funeral will be at **Aldershot Crematorium** on Monday 21st March at 3pm) - Sandra Ann Jones (funeral at St Peter's Church, 1pm, Friday 25th March) - Audrey Jackman (funeral at St Peter's Church, 2pm 24th March) – some of you might remember Audrey and you are all warmly invited to the service....

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 more PCC members – PLEASE do consider whether you could offer some time to be on this group who oversee the running of St Peter's on behalf of us all.....

ELECTORAL ROLL SUBMISSIONS ENDS TODAY! - Our Electoral Roll is being revised prior to the APCM on 24th April. If you qualify and would like to be added to the roll please speak to Jacqueline or Chris Wilkes by the end of the day, please – it will be good to have a record of how we stand as a church family community – thank you ☺

NEW! – Farnham Assist have published their new social events Programme – Farnham Assist reach out to older people who live alone or who are carers – there are fliers at the back of church. Please do take one if you or anyone you know might benefit from becoming part of the Farnham Assist community – monthly Sunday lunches – pie & pint club for gentlemen – knit & natter – Ladies pub lunches – day trips & walks – and transport to help – it's all there... ☺

LENT

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 5th March** – (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 5th to April 9th. 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=cFZuc1V2dUhiOXNqYnc1UnhZaTB6dz09>

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

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

LENT LUNCHESES – Next lunch will be hosted by Ian and Pat at 12.30pm on Wednesday 23rd March – please sign up to get an idea of numbers – the last lunch was a lovely time to enjoy fresh home-made soup and fellowship.... The final lunch is on THURSDAY 7th April

EASTER TRAIL & GARDEN – we will be preparing our Easter Trail that we created last year for those new to the area – if you would like to help create the **OUTSIDE Easter Garden**, please have a word with Wendy Coxell....

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 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! - 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! ☺

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 Wrecclesham 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 Wrecclisham 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@cofewrecclisham.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@cofewrecclisham.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 Vanda – she is quietly doing a sterling job at maintaining the website – thank you SO much!
- 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 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 – **Savoury Biscuits and crackers - washing detergent and cooking sauces – this was @ 13th March**

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@cofewrecclisham.org.uk who can pass your details to Naomi....

Schroder Trust - Funding is available from the Schroder Trust for Wrecclisham 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 - Genesis 15.1-12,17-18

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ²But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir

of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’³ And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’⁵ He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, ‘I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.’⁸ But he said, ‘O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?’⁹ He said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.’¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, ‘To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.’

Psalm 27

Second Reading - Philippians 3.17-4.1

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel - Luke 13.31-35

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’³² He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.”³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.”³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”’