

**St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Weekly News Sheet**  
Third Sunday Service with Holy Baptism – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-8; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9  
Today's Service – Called by Name...

**Today we welcome George Abel Reginald Catling – and his parents Adam and Sophia and brother Callum and all his friends & family as George is baptised in today's service.**

President: Rev Jacqueline – Organist: David

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent (we will use the Baptism Collect for 10am)

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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**

**Hymns:** Opening: O Lord, my God (499) – Such love... (600) – Give thanks with a grateful heart (186) – Meekness and Majesty (445) – Guide me O thou great redeemer (240)

**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

**LENT LUNCHES - THIS WEDNESDAY, 12.30pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> April

**HELP! MESSY CHURCH IS BACK! – MESSY EASTER**

**4-6pm, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!)

**NEEDED! WE NEED PEOPLE FOR - REFRESHMENTS / REGISTRATION / FOOD / CLEARING AWAY  
WE NEED RESOURCES – Wood / nails to make crosses – takeaway tubs**

(please let Jacqueline know – [vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk](mailto: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=RVROa2J6MGdEcGg3UWVJQTFc2t4QT09>

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's funeral will be at **Aldershot Crematorium** on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 3pm) – we pray for Rosemary and her family at this time...

**Audrey Jackman (2 March)** – Audrey lived in Wrecclesham and attended St Peter's Church as well as being involved in local community life and works. **Audrey's funeral is at St Peter's Church, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm – all are warmly welcome...**

**Sandra Ann Jones** (funeral at St Peter's Church, 1pm, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March)

**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.....**

## **NEW! EASTER GARDEN**

we would love people to contribute a pot of flowers for the stoned area - (it looked beautiful last year) – **PLEASE BRING YOUR POTS – READY TO BE IN BLOOM FOR EASTER DAY - BY SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH (you could bring it to the service) - so Wendy & Co can begin to create the garden YOU CAN TAKE YOUR POTS HOME AFTER EASTER!** Please contact Wendy - 721791 – [wcoxell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wcoxell@yahoo.co.uk)

## **FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S – a plea from Jacqueline**

We are hoping to form a 'Friends of St Peter's' that will 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.

**I need some help to get this off the ground – please speak to me if you or anyone you know might be able to be part of the working group to make this happen.** In the meantime, please pray into this idea – this is the best option we have right now to ensure that St Peter's will be able to operate as a viable church...

## **LENT - ongoing**

**MEDITATION - 'Walking with Jesus towards Easter'** – Six sessions beginning **8.30am Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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=cFZucV2dUhiOXNqYnc1UnhZaTB6dz09>

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 CONTINUES THURSDAYS 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 ...

## **NEW – SAVE THE DATE!**

**SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY – CHICKEN-FOOT NIGHT - COMES TO ST PETER'S!**

A brilliant dominoes-based game plus chicken supper

Hosted by Wendy & Jacqueline who say 'trust us – you'll love it!' ☺ More info to follow....

**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...** ☺

**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! ☺

**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!** ☺

**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 Wrecclesham 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@cofewrecclesham.org.uk](mailto:vicar@cofewrecclesham.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@cofewrecclesham.org.uk](mailto:vicar@cofewrecclesham.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 the REFRESH team this month – Kathryn, Jonathan, Shirley, Zoe, Rob, Sam, Susan – it was a lovely gathering – 23 children and 22 adults enjoying some relaxed worship, tea/toast, craft and some time to chat and catch up...
- To Kathryn, Zoe, David, Rob and Sam who helped to put together a gathering service for Ukraine held here on Wednesday evening – very moving and it was good to gather in solidarity with Ukraine.
- To the PCC who met on Wednesday to think about the day to day running of St Peter's – and especially to Pat and Naomi – it was their last PCC meeting ☺ - but more about that and how grateful we are to them at the APCM. We are also delighted to say that we have successors for both the Treasurer and Secretary positions – and a huge thank you to Colin Durrant (Treasurer) and Judith Araque (PCC Secretary) for taking on these service positions – we are delighted and most thankful! ☺
- A continuing thank you to those who are quietly keeping the grounds looking nice and tidy and cared for – what a blessing....

**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... ☺

### **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 – **Savoury Biscuits and crackers - washing detergent and cooking sauces – this was @ 13<sup>th</sup> 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@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: Isaiah 55.1-9

The Lord says this: <sup>1</sup>Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 63.1-8

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 –

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.'  
<sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.  
<sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.  
<sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

### Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

<sup>1</sup>There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?' <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" <sup>8</sup>He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"