

**St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Weekly News Sheet**  
Fourth Sunday of Lent – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
*Exodus 2.1-10; Psalm 34.11-20; 2 Corinthians 1.3-7; Luke 2.33-35*  
**Mothering Sunday**

**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

**Today we give thanks for mothers – for motherly people in our lives – and for St Peter's our Mother Church and spiritual home – and we remember those for whom this day is a tough one....**

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

**Hymns:** Opening: All things bright and beautiful (26) – Colours of Day (97) – Lord of the Dance (290) – Make me a channel of your peace (445) – Give me joy in my heart (183)

The Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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**

**Congratulations** – to Carl and Helen Newman-Knight who were married here on Saturday – what a lovely day with the most glorious of weather!

**Note of Thanks:** Rosemary, Glyn and Jennie would like to thank everyone of St Peter's Church family for their kindness and thoughtfulness and support especially of Rosemary during this sad time. They also thank those who came along to the funeral service last week – it meant a lot. We continue to pray for Rosemary and the family.

**UKRAINE - COLLECTION BOX FOR DONATIONS**

**UNTIL NEXT WEEK, 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL** - 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

**EASTER GARDEN POTS – for this week!**

**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)**

**HELP FOR NEXT WEEK - 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!)

**WE NEED PEOPLE @ AROUND 5.30PM TO HELP CLEAR AWAY, PLEASE!**

(please let Jacqueline know – [vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk](mailto:vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk) / 716431 / 07806 775974)

**RESOURCES NEEDED!** **WE NEED TAKEAWAY TUBS FOR THE EASTER GARDENS PLEASE!**  
**WE NEED SOME WOOD AND NAILS TO MAKE CROSSES PLEASE!**

**NEW! - EASTER LILIES DONATIONS in memory of loved ones**

If you would like to contribute to the Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one, please kindly give donations to Chris Gray or Jacqueline –please let us know whose name you would like added to our roll call (or not if you would prefer)

**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....

**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....**

**Café13@StPeter's** - Please pray for this wonderful Make Lunch project support by TLG (Transforming Lives for Good) that will be running from St Peter's School this Easter holiday, 11am-1pm 6 & 7 and 12 & 13 April – and for Kate Mapes and her core team and for the volunteers who will join them to host some friends of Cafe13 for two days each week of the school holidays – **if you would like to know more about volunteering /attendance, please do contact Kate** or speak to Sally or Jacqueline [cafe13makelunch@gmail.com](mailto:cafe13makelunch@gmail.com)

**NEW – CHICKEN FOOT NIGHT – please see attached poster – 6.15PM SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY – TICKETS FROM WENDY ON SALE SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH SERVICE**

A brilliant dominoes-based game plus chicken supper - Hosted by Wendy & Jacqueline who say 'trust us – you'll love it!' ☺

### **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 Wreclesham 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=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 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 ...

**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 Jim and Tim for helping to host two funerals here at St Peter's this week – to Sue, Chris and Tim who help to make our wedding ministry run smoothly – and especially for Saturday's wedding of Carl & Helen Newman-Knight – and to Chris generally at the moment – unindated with administration for baptism, weddings & funerals and we give thanks we are able to walk with our community during these times of huge life-changing events.
- A continuing thank you to those who are quietly keeping the grounds looking nice and tidy and cared for – what a blessing....
- And a thank you to everyone for all that you hold on your heart for St Peter's – every prayer, every contribution of time, talent and money helps to keep our church a vibrant part of our community

**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; Exodus 2.1-10**

<sup>1</sup>A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup>The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup>When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup>His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. <sup>5</sup>The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup>When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. <sup>7</sup>Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'

<sup>8</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup>When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

### **Psalm 34.11-20**

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, <sup>4</sup>who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. <sup>5</sup>For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. <sup>6</sup>If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. <sup>7</sup>Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

### **Gospel: Luke 2.33-35**

<sup>33</sup>The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'