

St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham - Weekly News Sheet – 3rd April 2022

The Fifth Sunday of Lent – Parish Communion

Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8

Giving thanks for God's love as Passiontide begins....'

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 & Preacher: Rev Jacqueline – Music: Recorded

Hymns: Opening: Lift high the cross (389) – Lord for the years (403) – Praise to the holiest in the height (554) – Cm1 My God and is thy table spread (451) Cm2: It is a thing most wonderful (325) v1, 2, 5, 6, 7) – Final Hymn: To God be the Glory (683)

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

MESSY EASTER TODAY @ 4PM

Come and join us as we gather once again for an afternoon of craft, conversation – and share our supper together (Jacket potatoes this time!)

PLEA - WE NEED PEOPLE TO HELP SET UP @ AROUND 5.30PM TO HELP CLEAR AWAY, PLEASE!

UKRAINE - COLLECTION BOX FOR DONATIONS

FINAL WEEK - 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 & EASTER TRAIL

We're all set for the Easter Trail – 1 or 1½ mile local walk – Well done team!

Thank you to Wendy (amazing Easter Garden) – Kathryn (script/route) – Jonathan & Shirley (Donkey & prayers) – and to Chris for the admin!

Pots are still welcome to fill the garden! Please contact Wendy - 721791 – wcoxell@yahoo.co.uk

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=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....

We pray for Kirsty and Casey as they prepare to be married here **Friday 8th April at 2.30pm** – that God will be with them now and in their days to come as they begin their life together as husband and wife...

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 DURING EASTER - 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

Coming Up!

Easter Services – please see notice board

NEW PLEA please - to make Good Friday hot cross buns – We need someone to make the refreshments after 10am service – tea/coffee and hot cross buns – **please let Jacqueline know -**

NEW – CHICKEN FOOT NIGHT – please see attached poster – **6.15PM SATURDAY 7TH MAY –**

**BOOK TICKETS IN ADVANCE PLEASE - for approx. catering numbers
FROM WENDY/JACQUELINE ON SALE SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH SERVICE**

A brilliant dominoes-based game plus chicken supper (chicken fillets & chip-shop chips with coleslaw –
Bring your own drink & nibbles!

Hosted by Wendy & Jacqueline who say 'trust us – you'll love it!' 😊

NEW – Mother's Union Quiet Day @ St Thomas on the Bourne

You are warmly invited to join the Diocesan Mothers' Union Quiet Day on **Wednesday 27th April 10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.** at the Church of St. Thomas on the Bourne, Farnham.

It is open to men and women, regardless whether you are a member of the Mothers' Union or not.

The cost of the day is **£20 with a bring and share lunch**. The Theme of the day is 'Welcoming Transformation' and will be led by The Revd. Haydon Wilcox, Chaplain to St. Columba's House, Woking.

Please email: haydonwilcox@mac.com for a brochure and booking form to be emailed or posted to you.

NEW – Christian Aid Fundraiser events – more details to follow

Farnham Street collection, **10 am – 2pm Saturday 21st May.**

Musical evening, St Georges Church Badshot Lea, **Saturday 7th May**

Refreshments (tea and cakes) Crosswater Farm Gardens Opening **Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd May 10 am – 5pm**

NEW – THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE @ ST PETER'S & WRECCLESHAM

THURSDAY 2nd JUNE – around 8pm – gathering with film footage of the Queen's reign plus wine and nibbles
9.45pm – we gather outside to join the nation in lighting the **WRECCLESHAM JUBILEE BEACON**

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE, 3PM – Jubilee Picnic in the Vicarage Garden – bring your own picnic and a cream tea and bunting will be provided!

Also

FRIDAY 3RD – Wrecclesham Community Centre plan a **children's event @ Beldham Road Park**

SATURDAY 4TH – Wrecclesham Community Centre plan to hold a **tea party of some sort – details to follow**

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 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=cFZuclV2dUhiOXNqYnc1UnhZaTB6dz09>

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 ...

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... ☺

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 – 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)

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....
- A continuing thank you to Lizzie and Stephanie who take care of the Foodbank donations/liasing....
- 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 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 off 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 – **UHT milk – tinned tomatoes – teabags – squash/longlife juice – this was @ 18th 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 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 43.16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading: Philippians 3.4b-14

⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, ⁹not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'