

News Sheet for Sunday 24 April (Easter 2) & Sunday 1st May (Easter 3)

24 April: Acts 5.27-32; Psalm 118.14-29; Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-31

1 May: Acts 9.1-6(7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5.11-14; John 21.1-19

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

24 April – 8am & 10am President & Preacher: Rev Jacqueline - **Organist:** Tim

1 May – 8am Rev Rachel – 10am President: Rev Sandy – **Preacher:** Rev Rachel – **Organist:** David

Rev Jacqueline will be on leave from 25th April until Tuesday 3 May

Please contact Revs Rachel and/or Sandy with any matters of need....

Hymns 24/4: Love's redeeming work is done (431) – Jesus, stand among us in thy risen power (357) – Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour (402) – Cm: Break thou the bread of life (76) – To God be the Glory (683)

Hymns 1/5: Will you come and follow me (740) - Brother sister let me serve you (81) - Just as I am (368) - Cm Anthem: This joyful Easter Tide (St Martin's Voices) – Cm Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord (60) - I danced in the morning (290)

The Collect for Easter 2

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen

The Collect for Easter 3

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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

Solidarity: Lyn Ng has kindly donated a Ukraine Flag – we will be flying this flag for the time being....

TODAY: ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

Thank you to Naomi & those who have prepared the papers and Accounts and report

I have sent a separate email round to everyone with all the relevant papers and information – and there are some hard-copies available at the back of church for those without computer/printers etc. **It would be lovely for as many of us as possible to gather for this annual meeting – I do hope you are able to come along....**

Today we especially thank Pat Lapworth & Naomi Parkin-Tyrie as they bow out gracefully from their service positions on the PCC – Pat after 10 years of being Treasurer – and Naomi who has been PCC Secretary for the past three years – and thank you to Colin Durrant and Judith Araque who will be succeeding them.

We are truly blessed!

CHICKEN FOOT NIGHT – please see attached poster –

CATERING HELP NEEDED PLEASE – helping in the kitchen / serving

This is a fundraiser for St Peter's – please do come & support us!

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!' 😊

IF YOU CAN HELP WITH THE CATERING & HELPING ON THE NIGHT PLEASE LET US KNOW 😊😊

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....

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

Please contact Jacqueline on vicar@cofewrecclisham.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 – Bob Parrott (Bob is sadly back in hospital) Reg Skeet, Peggy Rapley, for Sharon (Dawn's sister), Zoe Perkins – for all who are poorly, and give thanks for the healing and ongoing wellbeing of all recovering and on the mend from illness....

RIP – Deirdre Major – tragically, Deirdre died on Thursday 14th April after a very brief illness (she was only with us in church last Sunday) – we pray for her family and friends at this incredibly sad time and we turn to our faith and trust in the Easter promise and hope of eternal life and love...

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....

A NEW PLEA – for our Jubilee preparations!

Does anyone have a **(large) garden brazier** we can borrow, please?? 😊

Does anyone have any memorabilia to bring to our Jubilee evening that people might like to see – remember, it covers a long era – photos / mugs/plates /books/booklets/ other things!

Please give to Rob!

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

Red, white & blue theme – anything goes!

THURSDAY 2nd JUNE – 8pm

Soiree of jubilee memories & music, cheese & wine

followed by

9.30pm – We gather outside to join the nation with our **Platinum Celebration of Light**

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE,

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

Please sign up to the Picnic in the vicarage (for numbers, please)

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: SCARECROW FESTIVAL @ THOMAS ON THE BOURNE – Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th September

WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEAD IN CREATING A 'PETER THE SCARECROW' or let's have a group effort making THE TWELVE SCARECROW DISCIPLES ? 😊

You can also submit individual scarecrows – please see attached notice!

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 Wrecclisham 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...

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! ☺

Calling all budding article-writers – for the Parish Magazine! – Roger and the team are doing a stirring 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 & other Lenten 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 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 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 – **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 – 24 April

First Reading – Act 5.27-32

²⁷When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, ²⁸'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Second Reading - Revelation 1.4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel reading: John 20.19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Readings: Easter 3

First Reading: Acts 9.1-6(7-20)

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' ⁷The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' ¹¹The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' ¹³But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' ¹⁷So

Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

Second Reading: Revelation 5.11-14

¹¹I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice,

'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honour and glory and blessing!'

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might
for ever and ever!'

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Gospel Reading: John 21.1-19

¹Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.

²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' ⁶He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

¹²Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' ¹⁹He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'