

News Sheet for Sunday 8 May Easter 4
The Fourth Sunday of Easter – 8 May 2022
Acts 9.36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7.9-17; John 10.22-30

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

8am Rev Jacqueline – **10am President:** Rev Sandy – **Preacher:** Rev Jacqueline – **Organist:** Tim

Hymns: 742: Ye choirs of new Jerusalem – 282: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds – 330: I will sing the wondrous story - Communion: 315: In heavenly love abiding & 76: Break thou the bread of life – 565: Rejoice the Lord is King

The Collect for Easter 4

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Thank you from Pat: Pat Lapworth has sent a lovely thank-you card and photo outlining the gifts that we bought for her 'retirement – it is on the notice board at the back of the church. We are so pleased you liked your gifts and they came to you with our love and thanks! ☺

TODAY & NEXT WEEK: PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL COMMISSIONING

I sent round a summary of the APCM – and am delighted and thankful to be Commissioning our new PCC members, plus Judith our PCC Secretary this week & next (most can make the date) We begin a new parochial year in trust and faith that God will work for us and through us to help us discern the best way forward for St Peter's Church and for our church life together – please do pray and ponder on these things – God will hear you!

CHICKEN FOOT NIGHT

Thank you to everyone (38) who came along to support St Peter's and enjoy fellowship together with a supper and a game of Chicken Foot dominoes – now you know! ☺

A BIG thank you to Wendy who has taken the lead on this and has made the occasion such a fun and lovely one – Chick, chick, chicken, Wendy! ☺

A NEW PLEA – for our Jubilee preparations!

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

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

Please give them to Rob!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 15-21 MAY 2022

- Envelopes will be available next week to deliver locally along your road etc if you are able – **BUT** – they don't have to be collected as there is the Vicarage address on them for people to return themselves.
- There will be an **e-envelope on our website** where you can donate online
- **Farnham and District Christian Aid Service** on **Sunday 15th May at 6.30pm** at St Andrew's Church
- Farnham Street collection, **10 am – 2pm Saturday 21st May.**

NEW!– please see poster: **Tilford Village is holding a Festival of Hope over the weekend 14th – 15th May.** Tilford Institute, churchyard and vicarage grounds. Exhibits/crafts/workshops/prayer/dance – this is a project arising out of the local lockdown experience – refreshments all day!

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: 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!

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@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 – Bob Parrott, Peggy Rapley (sadly back in hospital), 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

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.....

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...

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! ☺

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....
- Thank you to Tim & David for our music – and a big thank you to Tim for bringing our choir back together – and to everyone who has rejoined and joining for the first time – thank you so much!
- Thank you to Zoe Perkins who has been working hard to bring our profile up to date on ‘A Church Near You’ – it’s impressive – have a look!
- And thank you again to Zoe for taking over where Paul left off and editing and posting our Sunday services – plus an additional link that just includes the Gospel reading and the sermon – you are an answer to prayer, Zoe!

- 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...
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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: Easter 3

First Reading: Acts 9.36-43

³⁶In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalm 23

Second Reading: Revelation 7.9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' ¹⁴I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel: John 10.22-30

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.'