

News Sheet - The Sixth Sunday of Easter – 22 May 2022
Acts 16.9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21.10,22-22.5; John 14.23-29
Today's service: 'All will be well'

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 Jacqueline – **Preacher:** Matthew Sleep – **Organist:** David

Hymns: 210: God of mercy, God of grace – 77: Breathe on me breath of God – 429: Love is his word, love is his way - 368: Just as I am – 463: Now let us from this table rise

The Collect for Easter 6

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

MESSY JUBILEE 4PM TODAY! Please do come along for a bit if you can to see what happens and meet everyone - and/or help with the catering/clearing away!

NEW! ASCENSION DAY SERVICE – 8pm THURSDAY 26 MAY – (this will be livestreamed in the usual way)

Please do come along if you can to this symbolically poignant service as we remember the moment when Jesus finally descends to his Father in Heaven, having imparted the Holy Spirit upon his Disciples who in turn have passed on to many – including ourselves!

FINAL PLEA – for our Jubilee preparations!

Does anyone have any memorabilia to display at our Jubilee evening - **Please give them to Rob!**

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)

COMING UP – THY KINGDOM COME & PENTECOST

This is the annual global prayer space created to mobilise intentional prayer in all ways as we make way for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Kathryn and Zoe will be putting together a prayer station with prayer ideas and resources. You will be invited once again to 'pray for five' friends whom you believe might be nourished and nurtured by coming to faith

COMING UP FROM 8th JUNE – 'GOOD FOR GOD' – A five-week course that all of us are encouraged

to attend if we can, please – there is an afternoon time plus two evening sessions to choose from

(I have been encouraged by the Diocese to run this for us all – and your support would be really appreciated)

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR PREFERRED TIMES – OR HAVE A WORD WITH JACQUELINE FOR MORE INFO

As part of St Peter's '**Hope for Tomorrow**', Jacqueline and Rob will be leading a gentle, small five-week course to help us to deepen and grow in our understanding of God, ourselves and in our fellowship with each other. It will help us to discover the unique shape of person that we are, the gifts God has given us and how he might want to use them in our **Everyday Lives** – including our church life.

Knowing the person God wants us to be can only help further our part in helping to build God's kingdom of peace and love in all that we do and we might be surprised to see that what we might think to be an ordinary thing we do can actually be an extraordinary gift and really useful to God! ☺

How: Small groups will be either in the afternoon or evening.

When and Where: at the Vicarage, 2 Kings Lane

Wednesdays @ 2pm & 7.30pm – 8th, 15th, Tues 21st, 29th, 6th July

Thursdays @ 8pm – 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, 7th July



There is a small but very lovely book that we have available to go with this course – '**Everyday Prayer Sustaining Everyday Faith**' – it is written by my Spiritual Director, Raymond Tomkinson (some of you met him) and he had this course in mind to encourage us to think about our prayer life at home in everyday living. Raymond writes

beautifully and gently, and is able to invoke a sense of him speaking to us and encouraging us as we read – this is £4.99 from Amazon, but I will buy directly from Raymond for **£3.99** – I am ordering 20 copies so please let me know if you would like me to reserve you one. I would love us all to have a glance at one at some time – I am sure it will be very special if we all come together as a family to work on the spirit of our church and our hearts.... Thank you SO much for working with me in this very important phase of our 'Hope for Tomorrow' vision.

COMING UP FROM 3RD JULY – NEW-LOOK FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH @ ST PETER'S CHURCH

with:

9.45am – Coffee and Catch-up in the Church

10.15am – Junior Church begins

10.30am – Main Service begins (followed by refreshments as usual)

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 – **Deirdre's funeral will be at Guildford Crematorium, 12.45pm WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY, followed by refreshments at The Potteries until 5pm – ALL WELCOME**

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.....

WESTMINSTER ABBEY PASS - We have kindly been given a pass by Anthea's cousin to Westminster Abbey that allows up to four adults to visit for free – children go free anyway... We can use it up to six times in one year – two slots have been booked already – Eddie and Pat had a lovely time last week. Ask them to show you the photos!
If you would like to book a slot, please let Jacqueline know....

Thank you

- Thank you to everyone who made this week's services run smoothly – and to all who give their time and efforts into make our services run well and reverently – we are blessed....
- Thank you to the grass cutters and to all who keep the church building and grounds cared for
- 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

NEW: ENTRIES BY JULY – INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE! 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

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)

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: Easter 6

First Reading – Acts 16.9-14

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this

city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Second Reading: Revelation 21.10,22-22.5

¹⁰In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Gospel reading: John 14.23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: ²³'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'