

News Sheet – 19th June 2022

The First Sunday after Trinity & Father's Day

2 Corinthian 5:16-21; Luke 15.1-3,11b-32

Today's service: 'How deep the Father's love for us'

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:** Rev Jacqueline – **Organist:** David

Hymns: 143: Father I place into your hands – 129: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind - 40: As the deer – 185: Give thanks – 485: O God you search me and you know me – 238: Great is thy faithfulness

The Collect for The First Sunday after Trinity

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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**

COMING UP FROM 3RD JULY

NEW-LOOK FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH @ ST PETER'S CHURCH

9.45am – Coffee and Catch-up in the Church - 10.15am – Junior Church begins

10.30am – Main Service begins

AN INVITATION FROM KAREN & ROB LOTT TO 'SAVE THE DATE' –

2.30pm, SATURDAY 25TH JUNE

Karen & Robb Lott will be celebrating their **Silver Wedding Anniversary (7/6/1997)** You are invited to 'come as you are' and join them for a Blessing Ceremony followed by a 'bring and share' tea and cake celebration in the Leverton Hall. **Please let Karen/Jacqueline know if you plan to come along...**

IT'S FETE TIME! – 12.30-5pm Sunday 10TH JULY

(this is a very good fund-raiser for St Peter's – and a lot of fun in the mix!)

CAN YOU HELP WITH THE TEA TENT / CAKE-MAKING PLEASE??

- **We still need a few more helpers**
- **And we need lots of offers of cake!**

Please contact Kathryn Beesley if you are able to help with this – Phone: 724366 or email:

kathryn@abeehive.co.uk – LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS A HAPPY & SUCCESSFUL DAY

RAFFLE TICKETS

Rob Durrant has the raffle tickets for sale – please take some to sell to friends/families!

ALSO

PHILIP IS LEADING THE BOTTLE TOMBOLA – ANY DONATIONS APPRECIATED PLEASE

you can bring them to church, give them to Philp, Rob, Jacqueline or leave them in the vicarage garage!

PLUS

WENDY & ANDREW ARE PREPARING THE BOOK-STALL – books to the back of the church/vicarage garage please!

A WEEKLY GATHERING FOR OUR LOCAL UKRAINE FRIENDS

THIS FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE, 1.30 – 3.30PM

Please let Jacqueline know if you are able to help out with refreshments and be part of a rota – we will also need people to look after the little ones while parents learn English from 2-3pm...

Course - Now up and running – 'MADE FOR GOD - GOOD FOR GOD' –

Fellowship, gentle conversation and allowing ourselves to think about God in our daily lives & in our church-life. The only way to understand the benefits of joining a small group is to come along and see... ☺

**Week 3 - Please do come along if you can - Tuesday 21st @ 7pm or Thursday 23rd, 8pm
at the Vicarage, 2, Kings Lane....**

Accompanying book available – **Everyday Prayer: Sustaining Everyday Faith** – donations for the book welcome (£3.99) - it is written by Raymond Tomkinson (some of you met him at my induction) and he gently explores, through everyday life, ways in which to explore various prayer practices and ideas. 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.... T

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 & Jean Birch, Peggy Rapley, Malcolm J, for Sharon (Dawn's sister), Zoe Perkins – for all who are poorly, those recovering from Covid, and give thanks for the healing and ongoing wellbeing of all recovering and on the mend from illness....

RIP – Tina Brace (David's mother) – Bob Parrott – we pray for David and his family and for Bob's family at this time...

Bob's funeral will take place 10am, Monday 20th June with refreshments after in the Leverton Hall

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....

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! ☺

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

ENTRIES BY JULY – INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE! Can we form a group to make 'PETER THE SCARECROW'

☺You can also submit individual scarecrows – please contact Sue Aston [tel: 01252 716888] & Meg Daniels [tel: 01252 711852] [Members of the organising committee]

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 Beryl this week for our floral tribute
- A continuing thank you to those who are quietly keeping the grounds looking nice and tidy and cared for – what a blessing – I saw Andrew strimming away this week ☺
- 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 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 – **Microwaveable Sponge Puddings (Long Life) - Tinned Rice Pudding - Instant Mashed Potato - UHT Milk - Chocolate Bars**

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! ☺

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 – Do you know someone who could do with some help?

The Lions have an initiative to encourage people to share their winter fuel allowance and the fund goes towards topping up fuel cards for those who are struggling with utility costs. Here is the link for an application form for referring someone. For details <https://www.lionsgiving.co.uk/Appeal/farnhamwenceslas>

COLLECTING BOX FOR USED STAMPS – at the back of the Church in aid of the RNIB– 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](#)

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>

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

Readings for Sunday 19th June

First Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;^[a] even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,^[b] we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,^[c] not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel reading: Luke 15.1-3,11b-32 – The Prodigal Son

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in.

His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours