

News Sheet – 17th July 2022 - The Fifth Sunday after Trinity
Genesis 18.1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1.15-28; **Luke 10.38-42**
Sunday: Communion for All Ages – Finding balance in work and prayer

Hymns:324:I the Lord of sea and sky – 16: All heav'n declares - 383:Let us build a house where love can dwell
Comm (1) Abba Father – Comm (141) Father hear the prayer we offer – 410: Lord of all hopefulness

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

BIG THANK YOU'S – FOLLOWING THE TENT/PET SERVICE & FETE!

Thank you to EVERYONE who was involved last Sunday – and to all who supported!

To Rob & the gang for setting up the marquee/tables/chairs/stall spaces

To those involved in the Pet Service – Sandy & Tim, Jonathan, Hugh & Sally -Zoe for activities

To the Tea Team - Kathryn, Sam, Sue, Vanda, June, Susan, Dawn, Jill, Elizabeth

To all the cake makers – thank you, the selection was amazing!

To Andrew Jones for the Grand Raffle

To Jean Birch for supplying the wonderful grocery & fruit hampers

To Philip Yates & family (Jill, Mark & Helen, Jessica and Joseph) – for Bottle Tombola

To Wendy, Andrew & Royston - for the book & Bric-a-Brac Stall

To Jenny Emberson – are very own photographer!

Thank you so much to all who helped to set up and put-down at the end

...and for those who came and had a cuppa – bought a book or ten – had a go in the raffle (well done to Stephanie Robinson, the 1st prize winner!) – and tried their luck on the Bottle Tombola!

What a lovely day – warm atmosphere (and weather!), camaraderie, and much fun!

PLUS – WE DID SO WELL WITH THE FUNDRAISING!

Books and Bric a Brac - £162.40.

Refreshments - £298.00 – plus £20

Bottle Tombola - £528.50.

Raffle - £711.00.

Grand Total (before expenses) - £1,719.90 – AMAZING EFFORTS! 😊

(if I have missed anyone/anything – huge apologies & please let me know...)

PARISH MAGAZINE – JULY/AUGUST IS NOW AVAILABLE

BUT

We are now in vacancy regarding someone to prepare the magazine each month alongside Jacqueline – Roger loved the magazine because it is such a great way of communicating – and we were trying to find ways to get it to a wider group...

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO THINK ABOUT TAKING THIS ON – PLEASE SPEAK TO JACQUELINE – THERE IS MUCH HELP WITH RESOURCES – REGULAR ARTICLES – DELIVERERS – AND PRINTERS & JACQUELINE CAN SHOW YOU THE ROPES IN HOW TO GET IT READY EACH MONTH

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: John & Jean Birch, Peggy Rapley, 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
We hold on our hearts the two young men who tragically died last week – **William Glover & Harry Dervan** and to the other man who is in a critical condition. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers are with their families & friends.

Tina Brace (David's mother) funeral is 11.30am Thursday 21st July, Aldershot Crematorium

Malcolm Jeffery (Jacqueline's father) – funeral is 1.30pm Monday 25th July, St Francis Church, Beckingham Road, Guildford GU2 8BU (you are welcome to join us) – followed by burial in Stoke New Cemetery GU1 1HZ

We pray for David & Jacqueline and their families and for Martha & Lorra and Roger's family at this sad time

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....

NEW: Everyday Praying - Could you help by committing to pray for someone regularly?

How and when is entirely up to you.

A number of people have completed **prayer request cards** and it would be good to know that their requests are being fulfilled by members of the church family praying for them...

If you feel led to be part of an intercession group that prays for others in your day to day living – at home, out on a walk, in your prayer-time at home etc, then please speak to or contact Kathryn.

Email: kathryn@abeehive.co.uk or phone 01252 724366.

Equally, **please do make use of the request cards by the main door**; anything that concerns you, however small it might seem, is worthy of prayer.

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! ☺

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 Jill for this week's flowers – and to Chris for lovingly adorning the church with flowers in honour of Roger Jefferyes.
- Thank you to the lovely team of volunteers who are hosting the **Friday Ukraine Gathering** – we hope the English Lessons and space of hospitality flourishes and helps our Ukraine friends in these traumatic times.
- A continuing thank you to those who are quietly keeping the grounds looking nice and tidy and cared for – what a blessing – the church wall surrounds looked lovely and neat 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 17th July – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Genesis 18.1-10a

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to Abraham, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' ¹⁰Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

Second Reading: Colossians 1.15-28

¹⁵Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him –

²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission

that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel: Luke 10.38-42

³⁸Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'