

**News Sheet – Sunday 11th February
The Sunday Next before Lent**

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

Thank you to all involved in our worship today - and to those offering flowers, refreshments and hospitality

TODAY'S SERVICE – 11th February 2024

8am - Holy Communion

10.00am – Parish Communion– with refreshments in church afterwards

4.30pm – Refresh with Pancake Races! – short, relaxed worship – craft and refreshments, led by Jonathan, Carol and David

Readings & Hymns: There are **Pew Bibles** available to browse/follow the readings at the back of church

Lectionary: 2 Kings 2.1-12; Psalm 50.1-6; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-9

Hymns – Christ whose glory fills the skies – 452 My God how wonderful thou art 11 Alleluia sing to Jesus–Cm 77 Breathe on me breath of God - 31 And can it be

The Collect for the Sunday next before Lent – Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 18th February 2024

8am - Holy Communion

10.00am – Third Sunday Service – we will be welcoming Martin Angell from Bourne Conservation Group.

TODAY'S MAIN NOTICES

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – 14th February, 7pm - Service for Ash Wednesday with the Imposition of Ashes

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024 – SERVICE TO BE HELD AT ST MARY'S FRENESHAM – 11am FRIDAY 1 MARCH

Wendy Coxell and Roz Forsyth are our reps for this special service – this year's theme 'I beg you, bear with one another in love....' Please join them for the service followed by refreshments.... **(please see poster on the board)**

QUIZ NIGHT IS BACK! – 7pm Saturday 2nd March - £3 per person – teams of no more than six – come as a team or individually to make up teams on the night. Bring your own nibbles and tipple.... There will be a raffle and hot drinks/cake available at interval – **sign up sheet at back – Let Jacqueline know if you can kindly make a cake**

Hear Here - is a Diocese of Guildford project in partnership with Sight for Surrey and the NHS, where NHS audiology trained volunteers provide community-based hearing aid maintenance – for more information: <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/hearhere/>

Could you become a Hearing Champion? Hearing Champions are volunteers who have been trained by NHS audiology staff in the basics of hearing aid maintenance. Volunteers from parish churches will be trained on safeguarding matters and have had the appropriate police checks.

We can provide our church as a local venue if we have people interested in providing this valuable service – it seems to be held monthly as a drop-in at other venues...

If anyone feels drawn to exploring the possibility of becoming a Hearing Champion, please speak to Jacqueline and/or contact Jude Darby, the Diocesan Hear Here Lead - Telephone: 07827 567014 Email: hearhere@cofeguildford.org.uk

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER – Lent and Easter...

Forthcoming Lent Course – JESUS AND CALLING: ON THE ROAD TO EASTER – beginning Thursdays 22nd & 29th February – 7th, 14th, 21st March

There will be two sessions – 2pm at 24 Buttermer Close (Thank you Chris & Frank) – and **7.30pm** at the Vicarage, 2 Kings Lane, GU10 4PB – **there is a sign up sheet at the back of the church to get idea of numbers – you don't have to attend every session if you are unable to....**

Lent Lunches 2024 – will be held at the Vicarage, 2 Kings lane – **Wednesdays 21st Feb – 6th & 20th March 12.30 – 1.30pm** – please do join me for a sociable home-made soup lunch – **if you would like to help with some soup-making / rock cake making, please let me know** – look forward to seeing some of you...

HEALING SERVICE FOR PALM SUNDAY – 6PM, Sunday 24th March – please see notice board for details of this gentle and what we hope is a calming and hopeful service as we seek God's wholeness and peace.

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) – **Confirmations also take place during the year in local churches** if this might be more preferable – either way, it will be good to talk more about next steps...

Farnham Assist – 2024 Programme now available by the notice boards – Farnham Assist reach out to older people who live alone or who are carers – **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...

Junior Church – I am praying for the mobilisation of a regular monthly (at least) Junior Church – is this something you might be interested in – or do you know someone who might like to be part of this? We have a very good resource that means the planning and prepping is already done – just the delivery and a heart for the little ones – that they get the chance to develop their faith and spirituality – and have fun along the way! We do have some funding to be allocated to a part-time role (3-4 hours per week) – if this option is of interest. **Please do come and speak to me or pass on my details if anyone would like a chat about this. (07806 775974 – jackieds8@hotmail.com)** In the meantime, please pray for the revival of our Junior Church and family ministry.

Calling all singers.... Do you like to sing? Come and join our informal choir. No experience needed, you don't need to read music or commit to regular Sundays. We will meet at 9.30 before the service to run through the hymns with David - just turn up. For more information please contact me on 07548830018 or email carolzeiher@sky.com.

OTHER HEADLINES / CHURCH NOTICES

THIS WEEK'S THANK YOUs... T To all of us for being there for each other and doing what we can for the love of the Lord and our St Peter's Church! ☺

PRAYERS FOR:

Jenny Emberson, Andrew Steward, Penny Cleland, Andrew Jones, Gerald Martin, 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....

Years Mind: We remember all those dear to us whose years' mind falls around this time....: (*please let Jacqueline know if you would like someone remembered by name ...*)

Please also pray for the life and work of our Church, that we might be part of God's revival, and loving and transforming grace here in our place...

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....

HELP NEEDED, PLEASE – techy team rota - we would like to extend the team - it is not as challenging as it sounds! Please do speak to Rob/Jacqueline or any of our wonderful Techy Team if you would like to know more – you will be on the rota roughly once every 4/5 weeks – you can work with another person if you like to be in a team!

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....

Farnham Foodbank

THE BASKET IS NOW LOCATED ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF THE CHURCH BY THE DOOR

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 and Lizzy Hendry will kindly be taking the food to the Foodbank – thank you everyone...

Contact: mail: info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk or call 07901 58153 visit our website farnham.foodbank.org.uk or follow on Facebook facebook.com/farnhamfoodbank

GENERAL NOTICES

- **Lions Fuel Appeal** - Farnham Lions, for the 12th year running, are again launching the Wenceslas Appeal for anyone who might be in a position to donate their Winter Fuel Payment to help local people and families who

will find it hard to keep warm and cook in these coming months – an amazing £57,000 was distributed to people in need who were referred via the Citizens Advice and Farnham Support Fund, Farnham Foodbank and other charities...

Donations can be made to <https://www.lionsgiving.co.uk/Appeal/farnhamwenceslas> or by cheque (payable to Farnham Lions Club CIO and endorsed WFP on the back) sent to Farnham Lions Club, 45 Edward Road, Farnham GU9 8NP

- **GRANTS - Waverley Borough Council**

- For Waverley residents on a lower income and living in a hard to heat home that is not heated by gas – check for eligibility for new government funding to make your home more energy efficient and reduce household bills. HELPLINE 01483 523204 – OR LOOK ONLINE AT: <https://www.waverley.gov.uk/Council-updates/Read-our-latest-news/ArtMID/1683/ArticleID/1321/Waverley-residents-urged-to-apply-for-free-grants-to-heat-homes>

- **Diocese News** - If you would like to receive news and information from the Diocese, please sign up to their [weekly parish brief](#).

LECTIONARY READINGS – The Sunday next before Lent

First Reading - 2 Kings 2.1-12

1When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 2Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. 3The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' 4Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. 5The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

6Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. 7Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

9When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' 10He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' 11As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. 12Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4.3-6

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Gospel reading: Mark 9:2-9

²Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.