

News Sheet – Sunday 10th March 2024
Mothering Sunday / Fourth Sunday of 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 refreshments and hospitality
Thank you also to Jill, Wendy W & Jenny for making the lovely posies for Mothering Sunday
Thank you to Jonathan and Shirley for providing a collage craft for us all to enjoy 😊

IMPORTANT ADMIN NOTICES

FROM CHRIS WILKES, Parish Administrator

The Electoral Roll is being revised prior to the April APCM – this is a register that we join when we choose to call St Peter's Church our 'spiritual home and church family'. **Please contact Chris Wilkes/Jacqueline by Saturday 16th March** if you would like to be added. If your name is already on the list, you don't need to do anything.

FROM HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICERS, SALLY WOODS & ROB DURRANT

The annual briefing for Sides Persons will be on Sunday 17 March after the 10am service. We will bring through our coffees after the service and meet for about 15 minutes. This is an opportunity to hear updates and to raise any queries. Updated guidance will be available at the meeting and emailed out afterwards. **Please do try and attend this briefing in the spirit of solidarity and support for the sterling work Sally & Rob do to keep this side of our church life ticking over safely and securely.**

NEW PCC MEMBERS

SAVE THE DATE! Our APCM will be held on Sunday 14th April after the 10am service where we will be electing officers and reflecting and reporting on how things have gone throughout 2023 – and celebrating being a lovely church family and faithful witness to the Lord in Wrecclesham...

If anyone would like to consider being a member of the PCC – please do speak to any current member / Jacqueline to find out more about what it involves. Meetings are held bi-monthly and we are an amicable and supportive PCC – and between us prayerfully and practically help steer the church by taking care of the business of the day – the finances and fabric – and the spiritual life of St Peter's as a whole.

TODAY'S SERVICE – 10th March 2024

8am - Holy Communion

10.00am – Mothering Sunday Service with posies– refreshments in the church afterwards

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

Lectionary: Numbers 21.4-9; Ps 107.1-3,17-22; Eph 2.1-10; John 3.14-21

Mothering Sunday: Exodus 2.1-10; Ps 34.11-20; 2 Cor 1.3-7; John 19.25-27

Hymns: 26 All things bright and beautiful; 186 Give thanks; 290 I danced in the morning; 93 Colours of day; 183 Give me joy in my heart

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 17th March 2024

8am - Holy Communion

10.00am – Third Sunday Service (Non-Communion) followed by refreshments in the hall

TODAY'S MAIN NOTICES

Wrecclesham Conservation Group – gathering to form the new group – **9.30am, Saturday 16th March** in the Leverton Hall – all welcome who would like to be involved in the group or find out more...

CHRISTIAN AID HAMPER APPEAL – To compensate for lack of leaflet collections, Andrew Jones has proposed we make a springtime hamper to raffle in order to donate to Christian Aid Week 2024 – **WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR HAMPER DONATIONS TO BUILD UP OUR HAMPER** – we will leave a box at the back of the church on Sundays – and you can deliver to the vicarage garage during the week – tickets will go on sale after Easter - thank you so much!

MESSY CHURCH PLEA (17th March) – SOMEONE TO HELP PREP/SERVICE THE FOOD (simple hot dogs & beans – sausages will already be cooked!) we need someone to be alongside Eddie & Pat to kindly help with the food – need to be there from around 4pm please)

JIGSAW PUZZLING – CALLING ALL PUZZLERS TO MAKE UP JIGSAWS FOR OCTOBER FESTIVAL! – We would like to start gathering made-up puzzles to display for the bi-annual October Festival – 19/20th October – there are lots of puzzles to choose from in the vicarage garage – and boards will be available – **thank you so much!**

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

Easter Trail for Families – and anyone who would like to walk through the Easter Story **Thank you so much to Kathryn** for putting together this lovely Easter Trail – beginning at home the trail includes a visit to the church – and a chocolate egg at the end! Booklets will be available...

Lent Course– beginning 2pm Thursdays 22nd & 29th February – 7th, 14th, 21st March
at 24 Buttermer Close (Thank you Chris & Frank) — **you don't have to attend every session....**

Easter Lilies – If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one, please kindly give your donation to Chris Gray, with your loved one's name(s) and we will have an 'In memory' list by the chancel display. Of course, if you would rather not have the name listed, please do say....

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – LOOKING AHEAD!

- **Saturday 8th June** – BARN DANCE AT ST PETER'S CHURCH!
- **Tuesday 18th June** – Rowledge Community Choir Summer Concert in aid of the Dan Eley Foundation (it's a lovely repertoire!)
- **Sunday 28th July** – St Peter's Songs of Praise – back by popular demand, we sing our favourite hymns with refreshments at the interval...
- **Saturday 14th September** – Last Night at the Proms is back! – bring your proms hampers as we enjoy local music for first half & then livestream the finale of the Last Night at the Proms from the Albert Hall – more info to follow

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... 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! ☺

- Thank you to Chris, Wendy and Rob for their faithful work in taking care of the practical and admin work concerning burials and interments, and for keeping the records and the grounds up to date...
- To Susan for the lovely spring flower display in the ground between the church and hall – a blessing!
- To Rob for taking care of a group of students from UCA who did a film assignment in the church Thursday and Friday – what an experience for the church – and they were most grateful for our support ☺

PRAYERS FOR:

Margaret Jeffery, Beryl Tate, 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](https://www.facebook.com/farnhamfoodbank)

GENERAL NOTICES

- **Lions Fuel Appeal** – help available to contribute towards challenging fuel bills – please see Jacqueline or visit Farnham Town Council website (under grants)
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
- **Diocese News** - If you would like to receive news and information from the Diocese, please sign up to their [weekly parish brief](#).

LECTIONARY READINGS

Mothering Sunday – John 19.25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' 27 Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading - Numbers 21.4-9

⁴The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it on a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Psalm 107.1-3,17-22

Second Reading - Ephesians 2.1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Gospel Reading - John 3.14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'