

News Sheet for Sunday 5th July – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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 everyone involved in leading our worship today, and to Chris G for flowers, they are much appreciated...

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8am – NO SERVICE

10:30am Holy Communion with refreshments at 9.45 am

Lectinary: Genesis 24.34-38,42-49,58-67; Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 112.16-19,25-30

The Collect

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.

PRAYERS FOR Jenny Emberson, Stephanie & Norman Robinson, Tim Sturt, Gerald Martin, Andrew Jones and for all who are poorly. We give thanks for the healing and ongoing wellbeing of all recovering and on the mend from illness...

We remember all those dear to us whose years' mind falls around this time

Christopher Hallpike (*please let Chris 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...

SUMMER EVENING HARP CONCERT 7PM - SATURDAY AUGUST 1st ***Please note the change of date***

This promises to be a wonderful evening for St Peter's; we are very lucky to have Margaret Watson playing and talking about her beautiful full size Concert Harp for this fundraising event. Margaret has a really varied repertoire (from the Rolling Stones to Bach!) is an accredited lecturer for the Arts Society, gives lecture recitals throughout the UK and has played for royalty. Tickets £10 with Cheese & Wine, on sale from www.ticketsource.com/st-peters-church-wrecclesham or after 10am services

One week until our ST PETER'S COMMUNITY FAIR on SUNDAY JULY 12TH! This runs from 1.30 – 3.30pm, in conjunction with the **Wrecclesham Conservation Group Nature Day** from 12.30 – 5pm. We want to give a warm welcome to members of the wider community & celebrate all that the church has to offer, so please encourage your friends and family to come along. There will be lots of activities and games for children to enjoy, as well as music, theatre, and refreshments. Please contact Kathryn if you can assist with any of the above: kathrynbeehive@gmail.com 07796 065396.

LYCHGATE OFFICIAL OPENING Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Lychgate fund - there will be an official opening with the Mayor at 3.30pm on 12th July with refreshments in the Hall from 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE PCC ABOUT THE RECRUITMENT OF A HALF TIME INTERIM PRIEST IN CHARGE OF WRECCLESHAM

"For the past few weeks, we have been working with the Diocese on a proposal for Wrecclesham to have a part time Priest-in-Charge, working half time in Wrecclesham, and having another part time role as Associate Minister for Families in the Bourne parish. They will be resident in our vicarage. This will be for 3 years initially, and we will need to continue our fundraising in order to fund the post. The PCC has unanimously agreed the proposal, and we are all really hopeful that this will be a very creative solution. We are looking at our 'job advertisement' being live in the summer, and subject to receiving suitable applications, interviews will be held in September.

We need to increase our income from parishioners and the wider community by at least another £25,000 every year to finance a part time Vicar. We are very grateful for all your donations and fundraising which have raised an additional £8,000 so far! We continue to seek donations on an ongoing or one-off basis towards our target. Gifts can be made using this link which takes you to St Peter's Church Parish Giving Scheme page, or you can telephone 0333 002 1271, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, quoting parish number 170617058.

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/wrecclesham-st-peter-farnham>

Enhance your gift to St Peter's Church, through Gift Aid adding 25% to your giving, if you are eligible. Or please make a donation using the card machine at the back of the church. If you would like further information or you have ideas for fundraising, please speak to a member of the PCC or email churchwarden@cofewrecclesham.org.uk

Thank you all for your support!"

Morning Prayer via zoom continues on Wednesdays at 8.30pm, **now using the Anglican form.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 6th Sunday after Trinity

8am – Morning Prayer **10am** Parish Communion with refreshments after - Rev Sandy Cavallier

THE YOUTH CAFE meets on Wednesdays in term time at the Leverton Hall 3:15pm-4:45pm. The Youth Cafe provides a safe, supportive and welcoming space for young people to socialise, have fun, and get free refreshments.

NEWS SHEET – please let **Chris Wilkes** know of any notices you would like included – **by Thursday lunchtime if possible**. Email: parishadmin@cofewrecclesham.org.uk – Tel/text: 07902 768597

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 BASKET IS LOCATED ON THE LEFT 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. Lizzy Hendry kindly takes the food to the Foodbank for us.

Contact: mail: info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk or call 07901 58153 visit website farnham.foodbank.org.uk

DIOCESE NEWS - If you would like news and info from the Diocese, please sign up to their [weekly parish brief](#).

Readings

First Reading Genesis 24.34-38,42-49,58-67

The servant whom Abraham had sent said to Laban: 'I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son."

I came today to the spring, and said, "O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also' – let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son." Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.'

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.' Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Second Reading Romans 7.15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel Matthew 11.2-19,25-30

At that time Jesus said, To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'