

News Sheet – for Sunday 16th July 2023
The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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Thank you to everyone involved in making this Sunday's worship and happen

We are so pleased to welcome some of the Wrecclesham Songbirds today to sing for us..

Today we will all be receiving a **Prayer Pack gift that might help us on our individual prayer journey as part of our **Everyday Faith for Everyday People** journey**

Roger Whittington RIP

It is with a heavy heart that I announce that sadly, our dear friend Roger died peacefully in hospital in the early hours of Saturday morning, 15th July. Many of you will remember Roger as a faithful member of St Peter's Church and as a loyal member of the Tuesday coffee club. Latterly Roger was cared for at Shannon Court nursing home.

Funeral details will follow but for now we hold Roger and his close friends in our prayers.

TODAY'S MAIN NOTICES

3pm Monday 17th July - Celebrating Summer Service at the Spire Church, South Street, Farnham – an Informal service of around 30 minutes followed by free summer refreshments. All welcome!

ST PETER'S SONGS OF PRAISE - 6PM SUNDAY 23RD JULY –

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR TOP 3 HYMN CHOICES - by email to Jacqueline or ticket at the back of church

PLEASE SEE POSTER FOR INFORMATION – THERE WILL BE INTERVAL REFRESHMENTS!

Warm welcome from Bells Piece – summer fete

Farnham's Bells Piece, the Leonard Cheshire home in Hale Road, Farnham, is recovering from the damaging consequences of the Covid pandemic – and the good news for its many friends is they will be welcoming families and the general public to a **Summer Fete from midday on Saturday 5th August.**

"We look forward to welcoming visitors, old and new. The fete won't be on the scale of former years but will be seen as the start of a 'public' recovery," say the support group. There will be a mix of stalls - and donations of bric-a-brac, soft toys and bottles for a tombola would be welcome. Funds raised provide outings and other activities for the residents, who have learning difficulties.

The home and its support group would love to hear from anyone, perhaps including people interested in giving a little time as a volunteer? Do contact Bells Piece on 01252 715138 (please leave your name and contact number if necessary).

FETE THANK YOU

To **Kathryn & Rob & Sam** for leading the **tea tent** – helpers and cakemakers June, Lizzy, Sue, Vanda, Jill, Beverley, Chris – and all who attended and supported on the day – what a lovely atmosphere and so nice to see old friends meet up over a cuppa and cake...

Philip & Jill & family leading the **bottle tombola** – and **Andrew, Colin and Andy** leading the **grand raffle** – and to **EVERYONE** who supported to make them such a success. Well done to bottle winners and to raffle winners – we are delighted to sat the Eddie and Pat won the first cash prize (£150 & Carol won a bottle of wine!©)we raised a **marvellous amount for church funds** – Refreshments £378.50, Tombola £494.05 and Raffle £743.00 plus £72 in card payments, achieving a fund raising total of £1,687.00 – praise the Lord!

FURTHER THANK YOUs

- **Sheila Covey** – for raising a marvellous £46 for St Peter's church from her fete stall at Pax Hill Nursing Home – thank you so much, Sheila!
- **Andrew Jones** – for the fantastic job of strimming and tidying the church yard this week – bravo!

TODAY'S SERVICE:

Sunday 16th July

8am - Holy Communion – President: Rev Jacqueline

10am – Third Sunday Service – with Communion – with refreshments in the hall afterwards – Leader: Rev Jacqueline – Celebrant: Rev Sandy – Music: David

4pm – FAMILIES Messy Picnic at the vicarage

Readings:

Today's 10am Readings: Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 11:1-5, 11-13

Lectinary: Isaiah 55.10-13; Ps 65.(1-8),9-13; Romans 8.1-11; Matt13.1-9,18-23

The Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for St Swithun (15th July)

Almighty God, by whose grace we celebrate again the feast of your servant Swithun: grant that, as he governed with gentleness the people committed to his care, so we, rejoicing in our Christian inheritance, may always seek to build up your Church in unity and love; 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

SERVICES NEXT WEEK – 23rd July

8am - Holy Communion – President: Rev Jacqueline

10am – Parish Communion – with refreshments in the hall afterwards

HEADLINES

COMING UP – SUMMER DATES FOR THE DIARY

NEW! SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST, 7.30PM - MID SUMMER CONCERT! - SAVE THE DATE! – We are delighted to be welcoming **the excellent & entertaining Hart Male Voice Choir for a Mid-summer Concert – SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST, 7.30PM – Tickets are £12.50** and will soon be available at church on Sundays – by emailing vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk or telephone 716431

NEW! SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST – MUSIC IN THE MEADOW: CHARITY TEA TENT - St Peter's Church is hosting the **charity tea stall** at "Music in the Meadow" once again on **Sunday 20th August** - this is a great event to support, hopefully a sunny afternoon outside enjoying the band and soaking up the atmosphere. What more could you wish for other than a nice cup of tea and a slice of cake!

MAGAZINE – Did you know you can send your magazine crossword completions to Sue Davies – I've noticed there are the same faithful contributors to the list – why don't you have a go and send your completed answers to Sue? ☺

CHURCH NOTICES

HELP NEEDED, PLEASE!

- **Help with the 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 – and you can work with another person if you like to be in a team!

GENERAL NOTICES

- **Farnham Assist** — 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...
- **High Utility Bills** – if anyone you know is struggling to pay for the high heating costs or any other household/ financial challenge, please do let me know and I can signpost to the relevant local source of help and funding...

THANK YOU... please see above and 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:

Margaret Jeffery, Andrew Steward, Mavis Booker, 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....

We continue to also pray for Wendy as she gets stronger in her mobility and hand following her procedure – and look forward to welcoming Wendy back soon, we hope!

RIP: Roger Whittington – Please see earlier notice

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, – 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....

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....

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE TEAM – no notices this week

OLDER NOTICES

LIONS WENCESLAS WINTER FUEL AID - If anyone is struggling with winter fuel bills, please do speak to Jacqueline who can refer to this worthy local fund to help with costs...

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 – **An urgent appeal by Farnham Foodbank – they are low on supplies...**

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

For May they are asking for: Small jars of coffee - Instant mash - Tinned fish - Jams/marmalade - UHT juice

- **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)

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 David....

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 for further information and Farnham Town Council for the application form - <https://www.farnham.gov.uk/services/grants/the-isabella-schroder-trust>

Bible readings for 10am Service: Prayer

Reading: Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-5, 11-13 (NIV)

(One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'² He said to them, 'When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation."⁵)

⁹ 'So I say to you: ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ 'Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

Bible readings – Lectionary for Sixth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: *Isaiah 55.10-13*

Thus says the LORD:

10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

12 For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
13Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Psalm 65.[1-7]8-13

Second Reading: *Romans 8.1-11*

1There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, 8and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel: *Matthew 13.1-9,18-23*

1Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. 2Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9Let anyone with ears listen!

18Hear then the parable of the sower. 19When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. 20As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. 22As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 23But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'