

News Sheet – for Sunday 23rd July 2023
The Seventh 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 making this Sunday's worship and happen

If you didn't receive a Prayer Pack gift last week, please do take one – and to anyone who would appreciate one. This little resource might help us on our individual prayer journey as part of our Everyday Faith for Everyday People journey

TODAY'S MAIN NOTICES

6PM THIS EVENING! ST PETER'S SONGS OF PRAISE

Come along and enjoy a time of rousing hymn-singing – socialising and refreshments – and St Peter's Top Ten Hymn Parade!

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST, 7.30PM - MID SUMMER CONCERT WITH HART MVC

We are delighted to be welcoming Hart Male Voice Choir for a Mid-summer Concert
Tickets are £12.50 – to buy online via our website – or tickets from Rob available at church on Sundays – or by emailing vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk or telephone 716431
Please do support this as one of our fundraisers-with-fun!

NEW! LEE ABBEY 2024

We will have another **Church Weekend Away to Lee Abbey, Lynmouth, North Devon** – a time of retreat and fun – **Friday 4th – Sunday 6th July** - there is a **sign-up sheet on the notice board** – please kindly show your interest so I can get an idea of numbers. I need to get some rooms booked!

TODAY'S SERVICE:

Sunday 23rd July

8am - Holy Communion – President: Rev Jacqueline

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

Celebrant: Rev Jacqueline – Preacher: Rev Sandy – Music: David

6pm – St Peter's Songs of Praise with refreshments

Readings & Hymns:

Lectioary: Isaiah 44.6-8; Psalm 86.11-17; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

Hymns: 121 Come ye thankful people come; 485 O God you search me and you know me; 315 In heavenly love abiding; 1 Cm Abba Father, let me be; 376 Let all the world in every corner sing

The Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 – 30th July

8am - Holy Communion

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

HEADLINES

COMING UP – SUMMER DATES FOR THE DIARY

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).

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

- **NEW!** There will be a **couple of boxes** in the vestry to collect donations for **RAFFLE PRIZES** (any items you might have to contribute) and **CHRISTMAS STUFF** (for a Christmas stall at the Christmas Tree Festival in December)
- **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... 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 **David Brace** who has joined us on the PCC – and to **the PCC** who met on Wednesday to review the spiritual and practical business of the day for us here at St Peter's – the agenda and minutes are always available and are always here to talk and think about any ideas/points you wish to raise....
- A very big and grateful thanks to **Kathryn** for putting together our lovely prayer-bag gifts – and to **Chris** for all the printing of the booklets!
- Thankyou also to Kathryn for our **prayer table** - such a lovely way to spend a few minutes being reminded of God's love and for our spirit to be prompted and guided with help from the various themes and prayers that are on display. **Our prayer book** and pebbles are also there as we pray for others....

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 – 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

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 – Lectionary for Seventh Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 12.13,16-19

13There is not any god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; 16For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.

17For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. 18Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. 19Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Second Reading: Romans 8.12-25

12Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - 13for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

18I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 20for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; 23and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel: Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

24Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; 25but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. 26So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. 27And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" 28He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" 29But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

36Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' 37He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'