

News Sheet – for Sunday 27th August 2023
The Twelfth 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 – and to Beryl Tate for lovely flowers for Roger's funeral service - and to whoever is offering refreshments and hospitality today..

Baptism today - Please pray for Mabel April Spooner and her family and Godparents on her special day...
(You are always welcome to stay for the Baptism services at 11.45am – this is a joyous occasion where baptism candidates are welcomed into God's world-wide church and especially into St Peter's Church ☺)

TODAY'S MAIN NOTICES

THANK YOU'S!

CONCERT

What a lovely evening - the choir sounded magnificent, and there was such a warmth and familiar camaraderie between everyone... **When all expenses have been paid - Hart MVC will have raised for us around a wonderful £1,1690** - marvellous! 😊

Thank yous:

To **Hart MVC** of course! As I said, they were on form and gave us truly a wonderful evening - and thank you to Jack and Eamonn for the prep and planning via the zoom calls we had - and to Eamonn for the publicity which we all did so well.

- To **Rob & Sam** - who took the lead on this - doing all the shopping - setting up - assistance on the evening re the hospitality - AND much of the clearing up and we are TRULY blessed to have you here at St Peter's Rob and Sam - and all the faithful witness you offer to the Lord through St Peter's... 😊
- To **St Thomas on the Bourne** - who lent us the glasses!
- To **Chris** - who chipped in on the night with raffle assistance!
- To **Chris Gray and Wendy** - for lovely floral displays - they looked magnificent!
- To **Andrew & others** - for displaying and promoting the concert through fliers and posters...

To everyone who came and supported the evening - not only necessarily because they love male voice choirs - but because they support our fundraising efforts - thank you! 😊

TEA TENT

Thank you so much to those who contributed towards making our Charity Tea Tent outing 2023 such a success - and such a happy event. **When all expenses have been paid - the tea tent raised for us around a wonderful £381.70** - marvellous! 😊

Thank yous:

- To **Kathryn** for leading this year - for liaising with the council - arranging for cake-makers - and for making sure we had the cakes - the tea - and the kit we needed to serve our afternoon refreshments
- To **Vanda and June** - for helping with Kathryn on the day - you were brilliant! 😊
- To **Farnham Town Council** - for inviting us - and for supplying the tables and urn etc
- To everyone who made cakes - **Jacqui - Vanda - June - Kathryn - Sue - Chris - Jacqueline - Sam - Teresa - Alex Forsyth - Lizzy H - Susan - Eddie and Jill**

We thank God for his abundant grace that shines through efforts like this - if we didn't make the effort then we couldn't receive his gifts - and what a wonderful message of hospitality, welcome and love we have offered to people in Christ's name this weekend - PRAISE THE LORD!

PARISH BBQ! – 1-3PM SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER - £6 EACH - £15 A FAMILY

– **Please sign-up** Or let Jacqueline know (for how many sausages & burgers!) - soft drinks available - **please bring** alcohol drinks if you wish and please bring own plates, cutlery, glasses & CHAIRS (if you can!) Please also - a **Salad contribution** will be much appreciated if you are able.... **Come and enjoy a lovely bit of social time together in the vicarage garden –**

NEW NOTICE – BREAD BAGS WANTED, PLEASE!

Please could you bring in your bread bags please – we will use them to pack the Wreath-making moss! ☺

TODAY'S SERVICE - Sunday 27th August

8am - Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion – with refreshments in the church afterwards

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

11.45am – Holy Baptism of Mabel April Spooner

Readings & Hymns:

Lectioary: Isaiah 51.1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20

Hymns: 86 Christ is made the sure foundation – 524 O thou who camest from above – 189 Glorious things of thee are spoken – 485 O God you search me and you know me – 240 Guide me O thou great redeemer

The Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 – 3rd September

8am - Holy Communion

10.30am First Sunday Service – with refreshments in the church from 9.45am

HEADLINES / CHURCH NOTICES

• **NEW & SOON!** **SURREY CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE - 9th SEPTEMBER 2023**

National Ride & Stride raises money for essential repair work to churches – whoever takes part can raise money – divided equally for church and the Surrey Churches Trust – Bob Parrott completed this some years ago for St Peter's Church – **an email has gone round and details on the notice board – CALLING ALL YOU HARDENED CYCLISTS! 😊**

• **SAVE THE DATE!**

Saturday 30th September, 6pm – CHICKEN FOOT HARVEST SUPPER – FOR EVERYONE! Chicken Casserole & french bread with ice-cream to follow - £10 a ticket – children £2.50

• **NEW!** – **AUTUMN AFTERNOON GATHERINGS at the Vicarage** **Wednesdays 2-3.30pm - 4/10, 11/10, 18/10, 25/10, 1/11**

Hymns We Love

(especially written for us seniors, but open to all, of course 😊)

(Sign-up sheet at the back of Church)

Five sessions taking us to the heart of the Christian faith as we explore some of the nation's best-loved hymns. Over a cuppa and cake (of course!) we will watch a DVD that tells the story of the hymn writer, how the hymn came to be, and the Christian message behind it – and then we can have a chat about them and share our thoughts and memories associated with the hymn – and anything on our hearts...

- **DONATIONS WANTED PLEASE!** There will be a **couple of boxes** in the vestry to collect donations for
 - **RAFFLE PRIZES** (any items) -
 - **CHRISTMAS STUFF** (used/new - for a Christmas stall at the Christmas Tree Festival in December)

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

GENERAL NOTICES

CATHEDRAL – Week of Accompanied Prayer – 8th – 13th October 2023 (Info at the back of church...)

Would you like to feel closer to God? Do you sometimes find it hard to pray? Do you wish you could make more sense of how God is working in your life? Would you like to learn different ways of praying?

Then a week of guided prayer is for you. This is open to all Christian churches and all those perhaps not yet affiliated with any.

We will meet together at Guildford cathedral on Sunday 8th October at 4 pm for an initial gathering, and to meet your prayer guide. For the week we will commit to pray for half an hour a day, sometimes using material provided by the guides.

We then meet daily with the guide to talk through what happened in the prayer time. On Friday the 13th Oct we will meet for an informal service and refreshments at 7.30 venue TBA. There will be an opportunity, to share the outcome of our journey with others.

Fee (if you are able) - In order to meet some of the expenses of the week you will be asked to contribute £35.

Please contact L Scrivener at email below if this might be a barrier to participation.

Contact woapguildford@hotmail.com. by Sep 15th for an application form

- **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! ☺

PRAYERS FOR:

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

RIP: Jill (RIP 18.6.23) and Clive Turner (RIP 14.8.23) – beloved parents of Angela Watkins: we pray for Angela and her family at this sad time, for comfort and strength as they mourn....

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....

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

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 August: tinned soup – tinned potatoes – UHT fruit juice – squash – children's suntan lotion

- **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 the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Isaiah 51.1-6

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Second Reading: Romans 12.1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel: Matthew 16.13-20

¹³When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.