

News Sheet for Sunday 15 September 2024 – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Thank you to our flower team for the beautiful flowers this week and to the refreshment hosts this week for their generous hospitality...

Thank you to all who make up our worship team for this Sunday's service – we are blessed...

It is nice to be back after a restful couple of weeks and **thank you so much** to Rev Sandy for leading our services, to Rev Tara Hellings for covering the 8am Holy Communion – and to Rob and Chris for keeping things ticking over – and to Rob for unlocking the church for me! 😊

Baptism Celebration Service

Today we welcome some of those who have been recently baptised – their families and godparents – and we celebrate all who have been baptised at St Peter's these past couple of years...

Notices

The PCC will be meeting this Tuesday, 17th September – please pray for them as they meet to **reflect/plan/oversee, as trusted servants, the business and spiritual working life of St Peter's**. If you have any items for the agenda, please do let Jacqueline / Rob know and we will take them forward.

Thank you especially to Secretary Judith Araque – Treasurer Colin Durrant – Churchwarden Rob – and to Philip Yates who chairs our meetings (most ably!) – and to all members for their faithful time and commitment.

THANK YOU SO MUCH! – To Vanda and John Bolton who organised last night's wonderful 'Last Night at the Proms' – ably assisted by Rob & Sam and David – and thank you to all who helped in any way. Thank you also to the amazing **Mel Sefton and Wrecclesham Songbirds** – and to **The Farnham Moonroller Band**, made up of members from the Ukés for All group at the Farnham Maltings – what a sing-a-long!

We also thank Lizzy Ambrose & Jayne Hooper who, along with Kate Mapes, gave us the original Last Night at the Proms back in 2018 – what a blessing to have over 110 people gathering at St Peter's last night to share the joy and fellowship of community life – what a legacy – we are a church without walls indeed!

REMEMBRANCE BOOK – **Thank you so much to John Birch** who kindly donated for the updating of the Remembrance Book – John made this offering in memory of his dear wife, Jean (RIP 4 March 2023) We thank Jan Pickett for her beautiful calligraphy as she updated our records.

CALLING ALL SLOW COOKERS! – Jacqueline would like to borrow slow cookers to cook the chicken casserole for the Quiz Night – please let her know if you can pledge a slow cooker for Saturday morning 5 October – either leave it in the kitchen – or the vicarage garage – or directly to Jacqueline – OR she can collect.

SUNDAY @ ST PETER'S BEGINS 6 OCTOBER (Harvest) – Jonathan Covey will be leading our new Junior session which will happen on the first Sunday of each month – 10.15 – 11.30am in the hall – with Annie and Polly to help him. There is an opportunity for parents to leave their children (**all safeguarding procedures are in place – thank you to Sally for overseeing**) –

We give thanks to Jonathan for his wonderful children's ministry – and to **Shirley, Nicola** and others who help him with the prep and planning – and we pray for the flourishing of this new children's group, that they will grow in faith and fellowship together...

Forthcoming dates

TICKETS FROM ROB FOR THE QUIZ NIGHT – WITH HARVEST SUPPER! 7PM SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER

Chicken Casserole & french bread with ice-cream to follow - bring your own tippie and nibbles – soft drinks available.

TICKETS - Adults £12 - Children £5 – Family £30 - All funds for Step by Step & Seeds for Development

Tickets from Rob on Sundays after 10am Service or - Tel/text: 07990 706385 or

churchwarden@cofewrecclesham.org.uk

HARVEST FESTIVAL – 10.30AM SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER – dry goods will go to Farnham Foodbank and all monies will be distributed between Step by Step and Seeds for Development – **refreshments in church beforehand from 9.45am**

JIGSAW FESTIVAL – 19/20 OCTOBER – a reminder that we are still collecting completed jigsaws – please put them in the Vicarage garage or church or let us know if you would like them collected. Puzzles are available in the garage. Please speak to Jacqueline/Rob if you need any help... **Thank you for your support..**

IF YOU CAN KINDLY HELP – SERVING REFRESHMENTS & GENERAL HELP, PLEASE LET ROB KNOW TO ARRANGE YOUR TIMING – HUGE THANKS!

TODAY'S SERVICE – 15 September

8am - Holy Communion – *Traditional language/no hymns*

10am – Baptism Celebration Service – with refreshments in the church afterwards

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

Lectionary: *Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 116.1-8; James 3.1-2.12; Mark 8. 27 - end*

Readings for 10am service – Mark 1: 4-11

Hymns: (*Intro: He's got the whole world – Give thanks*) - 510 One more step along the world I go; 97 Colours of Day; 183 Give me joy in my heart; 167 Let there be love shared among us; 692 We are marching in the light of God

The Collect for Trinity 16 – O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 – 22 September -

8am - Holy Communion – *Traditional language/no hymns*

10am – Parish Communion – David will be away and Jonathan will be playing the piano for us.... – **have a lovely time, David!**

OTHER NOTICES

YOUTH ALPHA – no meeting this week but the Holy Spirit Day is Saturday 21st September — thank you to Emily Kingham is leading alongside Carol – pizza is on the menu! 😊 **Please continue to pray for this course, that our young people be drawn to come along and explore life's big questions in the light of the Christian Faith...**

St Peter's School is looking to recruit a Foundation Governor to join them as they seek to bring the best school-life experience to our children. This is a volunteer role and if you are interested to discuss the role with a current governor or to know more, please do see the poster on the notice board with information and contact details - please email: info@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY – LOOKING AHEAD

- **Jigsaws (for 19/20th October's jigsaw festival)** – a reminder that we will now be collecting completed jigsaws – please put them in the Vicarage garage or church or let us know if you would like them collected. Puzzles are available in the garage. Please speak to Jacqueline/Rob if you need any help... **Thank you for your support..**

Farnham Assist – 2024 Programme now available by the notice boards – Farnham Assist reach out to older people who live alone or who are carers

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.

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! ☺

PRAYERS FOR:

Andrew Jones, Beryl Tate, 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...

RIP – Hilary, Roz Forsyth's twin sister.... We are holding Roz and Alex and the family on our hearts and in our prayers at this very sad time as they mourn for Hilary, and as they prepare for her funeral (30th September)

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

I was away at the time, but wanted to acknowledge that the Years' Mind for Mavis Booker was 7th September – we hold Tony in our thoughts and prayers at 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@cofewrecclisham.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....

GENERAL NOTICES

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 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

Urgent : Instant mash; Tinned rice pudding and custard; Tinned tomatoes; Toilet paper

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

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

Lectionary Readings – 15 September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

First Bible Reading Isaiah 50.4–9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who indicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Second Reading James 3.1–12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Gospel Reading Mark 8.27–38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.'

Bible Reading for Baptism Celebration Service - Jesus is Baptised
(We will hear the story as told from the Lion Bible Story Teller...)

⁴ So John appeared in the desert, baptizing and preaching.^[a] "Turn away from your sins and be baptised," he told the people, "and God will forgive your sins." ⁵ Many people from the province of Judea and the city of Jerusalem went out to hear John. They confessed their sins, and he baptized them in the Jordan River.

⁶ John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He announced to the people, "The man who will come after me is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to bend down and untie his sandals. ⁸ I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ Not long afterward Jesus came from Nazareth in the province of Galilee, and was baptised by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you." (*Good News Translation*)