

News Sheet for Sunday 1st March – The Second Sunday of Lent

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 - also to Sue for offering hospitality, – very much appreciated...

We welcome the Archdeacon of Surrey, the Venerable Catharine Mabuza, who is celebrating and preaching at our 10.30am All Age Communion

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 1st MARCH

8am – NO SERVICE

10.30am – All Age Communion – led by Ven Catharine Mabuza, refreshments in Church from 9.45am

Hymns: 493 – 290 – 324 – 64 - 240

Lectionary: Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17

The Collect Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYERS FOR Bishop Andrew, Moira Davies, 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...

RIP Michael Read of Boundstone

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

(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...

**** Next week's Quiz is POSTPONED until later in the year – it clashed with too many other commitments ****

“Please support our campaign to keep a Vicar in the Parish of Wrecclesham to lead the worship, the work, and the community of St Peter's”

An update on progress - we have received donations of approximately £4,000 so far and are very pleased with this good start to the campaign. We are most grateful for all contributions.

St. Peter's Church is entirely self-supporting. In order to fund a Vicar for Wrecclesham, we need to increase our income, from parishioners and the wider community, by at least another £25,000 per annum. 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.

We are very grateful for all donations - there is no donation too small

If you have any ideas or suggestions to help with our fund raising, please speak to the Churchwarden or a member of the PCC, or email

NEW TREASURER FOR ST PETER'S – CAN YOU HELP?? at the end of February, our Treasurer, Colin, is retiring. We need someone to take over the role. Colin will be able to hand over to you and give help and support in the transition period. Please speak to me or any one of our PCC if you can help or know of anyone who can. Thank you. Gerald Blues 07831 352331

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER THIS FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 10.30 at St Thomas on the Bourne. The World Day of Prayer is an international event that shares the hopes, concerns, and prayers of women from around the globe. This day is a powerful demonstration of global solidarity. It begins in Samoa and moves across the world in a continuous wave of prayer, finishing 38 hours later in American Samoa. It truly is a worldwide day of prayer! Each year, women from a different country craft a service, sharing their spiritual journey and culture. For 2026, the women of Nigeria have created a service on the theme "I will give you rest" that speaks to our need for peace and solace, drawing on their faith and experiences in a world filled with struggles and anxieties. In preparation for this day, our committee representatives, Roz & Wendy, urge you to watch the Michael Palin series 'Nigeria' on Channel 5. These programs provide valuable insights for informed prayer.

EASTER LILIES

If anyone would like to donate money towards our Easter Lilies, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please see Chris Gray

This Lent we have afternoon and evening opportunities for reflection –

LENT REFLECTIONS – Starts this Tuesday 2pm Once again Frank & Christine are offering their home for lent reflections, led by Steven; Tuesday afternoons on 3rd, 17th & 31st March 2-3.30pm. We will have a little worship and some reflection and personal sharing informed by our pilgrimage of life and the journey of Jesus through the Holy Land. Please let Christine and/or Steven know, and you are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

JOURNEYING WITH JESUS TOWARDS EASTER" – WEEKLY TAKETIME MEDITATIONS DURING

LENT. This Weds 4th March, via zoom. (Zoom account not required. You just need to have online access). Sessions comprise 40 minutes of relaxation, paraphrased gospel narrative and meditation, with music. Dates are 8pm on Weds 11th March, Thurs 19th March & Thurs 26th March. Come to as many or as few as you wish. If you think you might like to take part, please get in touch with Kathryn on kathrynbeehive@gmail.com or 07796 065396. To join session, click on <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78428734047?pwd=WklxtZiNCsyqeRWNwLuxvLbN2JnCde.1> promptly at 8pm.

PRAYING TOGETHER: 'A future and a hope' – **forthcoming dates** for this short time of prayer for our church and community after the service will be March 8th, March 29th, April 12th and April 26th. Please speak to Carol or Kathryn for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE 8th March

8am – NO SERVICE 10am – Parish Communion – with Refreshments in the Hall after

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-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. 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](#).

Bible Readings

First Reading: Genesis 12.1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Second Reading: Romans 4.1-5,13-17

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due.

But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel: John 3.1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'