

News Sheet for Sunday 20th October 2024 – The Twenty First 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 the **flower team** for the lovely floral display 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...

JIGSAW FESTIVAL – it's going well! – we had a fruitful first day of the Jigsaw Festival – lots of jigsaws sold and it was lovely to have people come in who are new to St Peter's – regulars who had been waiting for the puzzles – and church family who have come to support and buy a puzzle or two! It was also lovely to have a few children come along and enjoy the children's section.

THANK YOUs – Rob, Sam and Wendy for leading and along with Chris Gray, Harvey & Jean for setting up – Colin for collecting the raffle/puzzle money – Sue, Lizzy and Susan for hospitality – Wendy for hosting guests in the tea hall – Beverley and June for hand-making some lovely Christmas Cards to sell - and to EVERYONE who have been making puzzles for months now in order to make such a fantastic display of puzzles – and to CAKE MAKERS for the wonderful array of cakes that have been available.

Puzzles and Cakes are still available to buy after the service and the festival will continue until 4.30pm

CHURCH CLEAN FOR AUTUMN/REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – The date has been confirmed as **Saturday 26th October from 9.30am**. We usually do it just before Remembrance Sunday as a pre-winter tidy up in and outside the church. Please do come along and help where you feel you would like to – there is plenty to be done, and Rob can let you know specifically if you would like to know! **Thank you so much in advance** 😊

SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER LUNCH & PERSONAL GUIDED TOUR OF WATTS GALLERY GROUNDS & CHAPEL

Steven Knowles has kindly offered to give us a tour including the chapel (not of the gallery) – and we thought that whoever would like to, could meet at Watts Gallery café for lunch – after church around 12.15pm – and then around 1.30ish Steven will take us around the grounds and chapel with his tour-guide expertise to give us some information along the way...

There will be a sign-up sheet at the back, to get an idea of numbers and to book some tables etc...

SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER, 3pm - **Service for the Commemoration of the Dear Departed** – a quiet service of thankful remembrance for our loved ones departed. Your loved one's name can be read out and you are invited to light a candle and/or bring a flower to lay on the altar if you wish as a symbol of remembrance ... **There will be a list on the notice board to add a name** – or please contact Chris Wilkes – parishadmin@cofewrecclesham.org.uk – telePhone/text 07902 768597

Other church notices

Forthcoming dates – Please see Notice Board – more information to follow...

THANK YOU:

To Hugh for taking advantage of the fine weather and cutting the churchyard grass

To Vanda for her time and efforts getting the wreathmaking admin off the ground at such a fast pace!

To Gerald (and Mark) for the war memorial hand-rails and steps renovation – safe at last!

WREATH-MAKING – we will be taking booking from Monday 14th October – please call or email Vanda -

Vanda@cofewrecclesham.org.uk THERE ARE ONLY A FEW PLACES LEFT FOR SATURDAY MORNING!

Laser & Fireworks Display @ St Peter's School – Friday 8th November

PTFA warmly invites the community to join them - Gates open @6pm (refreshment stalls available....)

St Peter's School, Green Lane, GU9 8TF

Tickets available here: <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1181810884>

REPORT YOUR HEDGEHOG SIGHTING - Have you seen any hedgehogs recently?

Wrecclesham Conservation Group, Bourne Conservation Group and Farnham Biodiversity Partnership are trying to survey and support hedgehogs in Farnham. **When did you last see a hedgehog?** Do you get hedgehogs in your garden? If so, we would love to hear from you. We have had a number of good reports particularly in Wrecclesham, Rowledge, Bishops Meadow and Runfold areas. If you have seen any dead or alive, please do report your sightings to us. **You can report on our FB or send an email to** wreccleshamcg2024@gmail.com

PCC

• **From April 2025 – vacancies for the service positions of Churchwarden and PCC Secretary** – we are aware that both Rob and Judith will be stepping down from their roles as Churchwarden and PCC Secretary. Do

you think either might be something God is prompting you to think about – if so, please do come and have a chat with Jacqueline or, indeed, Rob or Judith in the first instance.

- **WRECCLESHAM FETE TEAM** – We would love two or three people to represent St Peter's when the planning for 2025 fete begins – this is to liaise with the wider fete team to keep up to date with plans and to help organise our own contributions. We always trust that help comes forward on the day, but the finer details of planning and ideas is something that a little group would be ideal to facilitate – **please do let Rob know if you can help...**



Fiona has been working at Farnham Assist, a local Christian Charity supporting older people. Fiona is actively involved at her Church, Bethel Baptist Church where she enjoys helping the Music Team, Women's Ministry and is also a Church Deacon. Her time with Assist was deeply rewarding and she now looks forward to working for Farnham Foodbank. She considers it a privilege to be a part of a local Christian Charity which, by showing the love of God, can truly make a difference to people's lives.

TODAY'S SERVICE – 20th October

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

10am – Third Sunday 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 53.4-end; Psalm 91.9-end; Hebrews 5.1-10: Mark 10.35 - 45

Hymns: *What a faithful God have I*; 600 *Such Love*; 455 *My Jesus, my saviour*; *How deep the Father's love for me*; 81 *Brother, sister let me serve you*; 132 *Do not be afraid* – 310 *In Christ Alone*

The Collect for Trinity 20 – Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 – 27th October

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

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY: 8AM ONLINE MORNING PRAYER (although Jacqueline is in person at St Peter's Church when she leads it – you are welcome to join her either in person or on zoom...)

Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87443605688?pwd=UYiMVbph9q6XaSTsxcawvA4ixebxjT.1>

Meeting ID: 874 4360 5688 - Passcode: 307447

OTHER NOTICES

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

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 – Maureen Easton (1st October) (Wendy Coxall's cousin: funeral 22nd October...)

We remember all those dear to us whose years' mind falls around 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@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....

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 : new food list (getting ready for Christmas orders): UHT Juice; Tinned ham; Chocolate selection boxes; Packets of custard; Savoury items such as crackers and pringles. Thank you so much...

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 – 13th October – Trinity 20

First Reading – : Isaiah 53.4-12 – (*The Message Translation*) (Pew Bible p.738)

The servant grew up before God—a scrawny seedling, a scrubby plant in a parched field. There was nothing attractive about him, nothing to cause us to take a second look. He was looked down on and passed over, a man who suffered, who knew pain firsthand. One look at him and people turned away.

We looked down on him, thought he was rubbish. But the fact is, it was *our* pains he carried— *our* disfigurements, all the things wrong with *us*. We thought he brought it on himself, that God was punishing him for his own failures. But it was our sins that did that to him, that ripped and tore and crushed him— *our sins*! He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we get healed. We're all like sheep who've wandered off and gotten lost. We've all done our own thing, gone our own way. And God has piled all our sins, everything we've done wrong, on him, on him. ⁷⁻⁹ He was beaten, he was tortured, but he didn't say a word. Like a lamb taken to be slaughtered and like a sheep being sheared, he took it all in silence. Justice miscarried, and he was led off - and did anyone really know what was happening? He died without a thought for his own welfare, beaten bloody for the sins of my people. They buried him with the wicked, threw him in a grave with a rich man, Even though he'd never hurt a soul or said one word that wasn't true. ¹⁰ Still, it's what God had in mind all along, to crush him with pain. The plan was that he give himself as an offering for sin so that he'd see life come from it—life, life, and more life. And God's plan will deeply prosper through him. ¹¹⁻¹² Out of that terrible travail of soul, he'll see that it's worth it and be glad he did it. Through what he experienced, my righteous one, my servant, will make many "righteous ones," as he himself carries the burden of their sins. Therefore I'll reward him extravagantly— the best of everything, the highest honours - Because he looked death in the face and didn't flinch, because he embraced the company of the lowest. He took on his own shoulders the sin of the many, he took up the cause of all the black sheep.

Second Reading - Hebrews 5:1-10

⁵ ¹⁻³ Every high priest selected to represent men and women before God and offer sacrifices for their sins should be able to deal gently with their failings, since he knows what it's like from his own experience. But that also means that he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as the peoples'.

⁴⁻⁶ No one elects himself to this honored position. He's called to it by God, as Aaron was. Neither did Christ presume to set himself up as high priest, but was set apart by the One who said to him, "You're my Son; today I celebrate you!" In another place God declares, "You're a priest forever in the royal order of Melchizedek."

⁷⁻¹⁰ While he lived on earth, anticipating death, Jesus cried out in pain and wept in sorrow as he offered up priestly prayers to God. Because he honored God, God answered him. Though he was God's Son, he learned trusting-obedience by what he suffered, just as we do. Then, having arrived at the full stature of his maturity and having been announced by God as high priest in the order of Melchizedek, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who believingly obey him

The Gospel Reading – taken from Mark 10.35-45 – (*The Message Translation*),(Pew Bible p.1020)

35 James and John, Zebedee's sons, came up to him. "Teacher, we have something we want you to do for us."

36 "What is it? I'll see what I can do."

37 "Arrange it," they said, "so that we will be awarded the highest places of honour in your glory—one of us at your right, the other at your left." 38 Jesus said, "You have no idea what you're asking. Are you capable of drinking the cup I drink, of being baptized in the baptism I'm about to be plunged into?"

39-40 "Sure," they said. "Why not?" Jesus said, "Come to think of it, you will drink the cup I drink, and be baptized in my baptism. But as to awarding places of honor, that's not my business. There are other arrangements for that."

41-45 When the other ten heard of this conversation, they lost their tempers with James and John. Jesus got them together to settle things down. "You've observed how godless rulers throw their weight around," he said, "and when people get a little power how quickly it goes to their heads. It's not going to be that way with you. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for many who are held hostage."