

News Sheet for Sunday 27th October 2024 – Bible Sunday / The Last 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 – Chris this week** - 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...

TODAY'S WATTS GALLERY OUTING – we are leaving after church and coffee – to arriving at the gallery to eat around 12.45am – 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...

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

CONGRATULATIONS – to Carol Blues for joining Steven in completing the Occasional Preachers course and we look forward to Carol's preaching, beginning after Christmas – thank you and well done, Carol!

JIGSAW FESTIVAL THANK YOUs – we had a wonderful weekend with a busy stream of people coming to buy jigsaws, enjoying the refreshments and the hospitality that we do so well – we have raised an amazing £1085 towards the church funds – what an achievement and thank you to everyone's generosity in making it happen (listed last week) – and especially to Rob and Sam for all their hard work before and after the main event - and all those who supported by buying jigsaws, raffle and refreshments...

Seeds for Development – they have written to thank us for the generous Harvest donation and to say that it will go to buying three huge toasting pans – as the farmers in Gulu harvest the soya it will be taken to the store and toasted. That is where your donation will go to work immediately. The rest of the money will be used for grinding the soya and buying other ingredients for the Nursery School Magic Porridge.



THANK YOU

- **To those who came to the church clean-up team for this autumn tidy up** – Thank you so much to those who were able to come along to give the church its Autumn clean-up – Gerald, David, Lyn, Kathryn and Lizzy – and especially to Rob (church) and Sue (Hall) and to everyone who helps at other times in keeping our church and hall in good order – the church looks lovely!
- **Grounds** – This week, thank you to Jim Jeffery for tending to the Garden of Remembrance – Phil Harris for strimming – and ongoing thanks to WCG for their conservation work in the churchyard.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE – once again we are asking for kind donations of luxury festive fancies – that Chris can turn into a lovely festive hamper to raffle during our Christmas functions... What would you like to receive in a luxury festive hamper?! ☺ Please bring your items to church during these coming weeks – or to the vicarage garage

MESSY CHURCH: countdown to Christmas – **Sunday 24th November** – help needed for clearing tables away etc – please let Rob/Jacqueline know if you have 15 minutes to spare around 5.30pm – thank you SO much:

Other church notices

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

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!**

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 wreccleshamcq2024@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...**

TODAY'S SERVICE – 27th October

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

10am – Parish Communion for Bible Sunday with refreshments in the church afterwards

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

Lectionary: Jeremiah 31.7-9; Ps 126; Hebrews 7. 23 – end; Mark 10.46 -end

Bible Sunday: Isaiah 55.1-11; Psalm 19,7; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5; John 5.36b-end

Hymns: 701 We have a gospel to proclaim; 418 Lord, thy Word abideth; 30 Amazing grace; 77 Breath on me breathe of God; 575 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

The Collect for Last Sunday after Trinity/Bible Sunday – Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 3rd November

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

10.30am – First Sunday Service celebrating All Saints/All Souls - with refreshments in the church beforehand

3pm – Service for the commemoration of our Dear Departed – 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

This service has been faithfully held since Lockdown – it would be lovely to have others join our small gathering – Kathryn and Paul and Teresa from Scotland currently join Jacqueline – it is a relaxed, quiet service as led by the Northumbria Community, with less words and some reflective daily readings – and lasts about 25 minutes.

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 – Margaret Miller – we pray for Elizabeth and her family as they mourn. The Service of Thanksgiving will be held 1.30pm Tuesday 12th November at St Peter's Church.

RIP – Kay Edmonds – we pray for Brian and daughter Rachel and their family as they mourn....

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 – 27th October – Last Sunday after Trinity

Second Reading Hebrews 7.23–28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

Gospel Reading Mark 10.46–52

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Readings for Bible Sunday – 27th October

First Reading Isaiah 45.22-25 (Pew Bible p.740)

55 "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. 2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. 3 Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. 4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. 5 Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendour." 6 Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. 8 "For my thoughts are not your

thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. 9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Psalm 19.7-10,14 (Pew Bible p.542)

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

9 the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Second Reading – 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 (Pew Bible p.1200)

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, 15 and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 2 proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. 5 As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gospel reading: John 5.36b-end (Pew Bible p.1073)

The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. 37 And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, 38 and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

39 ‘You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. 40 Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. 41 I do not accept glory from human beings. 42 But I know that you do not have the love of God in[f] you. 43 I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. 44 How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? 45 Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46 If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. 47 But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?’