

News Sheet for Sunday 3rd November 2024 – Feast of All Saints and All Souls

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...

SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER, 3pm - Service for the Commemoration of the Dear Departed – please do add your names to the list if you would like to - or please contact Chris Wilkes – parishadmin@cofewrecclesham.org.uk – telephone/text 07902 768597 – please do join us for this reflective service with refreshments after

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

ADVENT COURSES 2024

- **Afternoon Small Group** – Thursdays 3pm – 21st, 28th November, 5th, 12th December
- **Evening Small Group** – Jacqueline will be happy to lead an evening 3-week Advent Group this year if anyone is interested – it will be reflective and seasonal – 7.30pm Thursday 28th November, 12th & 19th December

Please let Jacqueline know if you are interested in attending.....

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:

FREE CONCERT 7.30PM SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER – **SOUND MIX: IT'S NEARLY CHRISTMAS!** – an excellent A Capella singing group who will be joined by a local jazz ensemble – with a repertoire of popular and Christmas music – refreshments & raffle available

FREE TICKET PASS FOR WESTMINSTER ABBEY – I have secured a pass that allows 6 visits for the year church family members to use – up to four people per visit- **there are three – possibly four passes left for the coming year** – please see Jacqueline to reserve your pass

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>

THANK YOU

- **Grounds** – This week, we thank **Margaret Jeffery** for once again preparing the memorial for Remembrance – and for her faithful tending of the memorial for over 24 years – thank you SO much, Margaret...
- **Thank you again to Jim Jeffery** for the Remembrance garden and to **Phil Harris** for the strimming work – and ongoing thanks to WCG for their conservation work in the churchyard.
- **Watts Gallery outing** – Thank you to **Steven Knowles** for facilitating a lovely trip to Watts Gallery – 11 of us enjoyed lunch followed by a tour of the grounds and chapel – and the weather was glorious!
- **Fabric & Finance Team** – we especially thank **Sally & Philip** for recent updates / actions on our health & safety tasks – we are blessed with our amazing team who lead on the stewardship of the fabric & finance of St Peter's & feed into the PCC – **Colin, Rob, Phil, Steven, Sally & Jonathan** (who also takes the minutes!)

TODAY'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

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

All Saints (b/f 1st Nov) & **All Souls** (b/f 2nd Nov):

All Saints: Wisdom of Solomon 3.1-9; Ps 24.1-6; Rev 21.1-6; John 11.32-44

Hymns – 161 For all the saints – 16 All heaven declares – 515 Onward Christian pilgrims – Cm60 Be still for the presence of the Lord – 692 We are marching in the light of God

The Collect for All Saints – the gathering prayer of the Church

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 10th November

8am - Holy Communion

10am – Remembrance Sunday Service followed by **11am Act of Remembrance around the Memorial** - with refreshments in the church afterwards (it will be busy next week....)

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

Please see Notice Board for up to date news / events / services

PRAYERS FOR:

Pat Wood, Frank & Chris Wilkes (both recovering from Covid), 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. The funeral service will be held 1pm Monday 25th November at St Peter's Church....

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 ...)

Ivy Skeet – (RIP 9 November 2023) – we remember Ivy especially at this time, and hold Kate, Michael and Ruth and the family in our prayers as they remember Ivy – and of course, dear Reg...

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....

OTHER NOTICES

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...**

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... Please see notice above – and 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! ☺

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 – 3rd November – ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS (for both services)

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

¹The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. ²In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, ³and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. ⁴For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. ⁵Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; ⁶like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. ⁷In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. ⁸They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. ⁹Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6 (Pew Bible p.1253)

¹I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Gospel: John 11:32-44 (Pew Bible p.1083)

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'