

News Sheet for Sunday 1st December 2024

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

From Advent to Christmas Day there are no flowers in the church and so our flower team will have a well-earned break and we look forward to our glorious Christmas flowers – thank you so much!

Thank you to those who have provided hospitality this week – and to all who make up our **worship team** for this Sunday's service – we are blessed...

WRECCLESHAM SHINES – WE HAVE OUR OWN STAR! 5.30pm Sunday 1st December just before the 6pm Advent Service – please do gather round if you are able – the Advent service (with the usual hospitality of festive refreshments) is optional but a good time to enter into the spirit of Advent before all the rushing of preparation can get in the way....

TODAY! SUNDAY @ ST PETER'S JUNIOR CHURCH, 10.15 – 11.30am – THIS WEEK – A NATIVITY PREVIEW!

ONGOING NOTICES

CHRISTMAS WASSAIL - 7PM SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER– in the Leverton Hall – festive entertainment with refreshments – spaces will be limited, **PLEASE LET DAVID BRACE KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING**

CHRISTINGLE – 4PM SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER – Carol and David will be leading our Christingle this year – please do bring your candle boxes and prepare to enjoy making your Christingle – **and all for The Children's Society** – festive refreshments will be served

OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME IS UP ON THE NOTICE BOARD – please make a note of dates/times as we spiritually journey through Advent and on into the glorious joy of Christ's birth

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE – LAST CALL – for luxury festive fancies

RAFFLE TICKETS will be on sale during December - raffle will be drawn after the Carol Service 22/12

WREATH MAKING – GATHERING FOLIAGE! – We are hosting the wreath making **4-7th December** this **WANTED – Seasonal foliage from your garden, please!**

- We would like donations of foliage from gardens – to be brought to church during **Monday 2th / Tuesday 3rd December** – there will be buckets of water to store it in
- **Please let Rob know if you would like him to collect some from you** – or if you are happy for someone to come along and cut some from your garden!

ADVENT COURSES 2024

- **Afternoon Small Group** – Thursdays 3pm – 21st, 28th November, 5th, 12th December (Handel's Messiah)

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

- This year look out for the daily Advent Reflections – from Cafod (Catholic Aid Agency) – and there will also be a daily reflection complementing the small group theme of seeing the story of God's Salvation through Jesus in the music and scripture words of Handel's Messiah...

COMING UP:

- **7.30PM TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER – ROWLEDGE COMMUNITY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – a free concert with retiring collection for church funds – festive refreshments & raffle
- **6PM TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER - A SHORT, REFLECTIVE SERVICE FOR NEW YEAR'S** - come along to herald in the New Year of 2025 with thoughts and prayers of hope and commitment to bear witness to the light and promise of peace and goodwill to all, and to bless our own lives, family, friends and communities as we begin this 2025 journey into the unknown in faith and trust.
- **3-5PM SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2025 - Wildlife of Southern Britain: A talk by Ian Stone** – a light-hearted talk with quiz at the end – afternoon tea and cake will be served!

THANK YOU

- To the Messy Church team – Vanda, Lizzy, Nicky, Jonathan, David, Rob & Sam, Eddie & Pat – plus Myung-Hye, Annabel, Carolyn and Clare and Emma – **34 adults and 24 children enjoyed the Messy Countdown to Christmas session** last Sunday – and thank you to everyone for playing your part in offering hospitality, welcome and love to our community ...

TODAY'S SERVICE – 1st December – Advent Sunday

8am - Holy Communion

10am – First Sunday Service for Advent Sunday – with refreshments in the church from 9.45am

Junior Church – Sunday @ St Peter's – will run from 10.15am to 11.30am in the hall....

12pm – Holy Baptism of Miley

5.30pm – Lighting of the Wrecclesham Star

6pm – Reflective Service for Advent Sunday

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

Lectionary: Jeremiah 33.14-16; Ps 25.1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13; Luke 21.25-36

Hymns – 469 O Come, O come Emmanuel – 436 Make Way, make way – 205 God is working his purpose out – 132 Do not be afraid – 288 I cannot tell

The Collect for Advent Sunday – today's gathering prayer of the Church

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 8th December

8am - Holy Communion

10am – Parish Communion for the Second Sunday of Advent with Holy Baptism – with refreshments in the church afterwards

4pm – Christingle – with refreshments

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

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 passes left for the coming year** – please see Jacqueline to reserve your pass

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

PRAYERS FOR:

Jenny Emberson, 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 – Pat Wood - Pat contributed to the life of the Parish, St Peter's Church and a stalwart of Wrecclesham Mother's Union – please pray for Bridget and Nicholas as they mourn...

A Service of Thanksgiving will be held for Pat at 1pm on Friday 20th December 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 ...)

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): Christmas cake, Mince pies, Chocolate Selection boxes, Packets of custard - Items such as stuffing and gravy - 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 – 1st December – Advent Sunday

First Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel Reading – Luke 21.25-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ²⁵There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, ³⁵and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'