News Sheet for Sunday 15th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

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, to Lizzy Hendry for organising refreshments and to Hazel for the flowers, they are much appreciated…

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 2nd Sunday before Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev Clive Richardson
10am All Age Service (non communion) – Worship Team. Refreshments in the Hall after the service

Lectionary: 1 Corinthians 13. 4 - end; 1 John 3. 16-23

The Collect
Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS FOR Jenny Emberson, Tim Sturt, Gerald Martin, Colin Durrant and for all who are poorly. We give thanks for the healing and ongoing wellbeing of all recovering and on the mend from illness…
We remember all those dear to us whose years' mind falls around this time
(p*lease let Julia 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…

Wreath Making Sessions: There will be 4 wreath making workshops in church in December; these raise a substantial amount of money for our Church funds. As always we will need a HUGE AMOUNT OF FOLIAGE to be collected and brought to church from Monday 7th December. We can cut it and collect if you are unable to! Evergreen foliage is good & variegated is especially lovely. I would also appreciate help with serving refreshments on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday Morning. Thank you. If you can help with either please contact vanda.bolton@btinternet.com

Please email Vanda on vanda@cofewrecclesham.org.uk if you are able to help
Messy Advent: Our next Messy Church session is on Sunday 29th November from 4pm-6pm. As always, we would welcome a few more pairs of hands to help. There are various roles including putting out tables/chairs in the hall after morning refreshments, overseeing the self-serve refreshments, serving food, or clearing up (from 5.15pm). It would also be lovely to see you if you would like to experience the warmth of a Messy Church session. Perhaps you would enjoy sharing refreshments or tea with our families. If you are able to offer help or plan to come along, please email messychurch@cofewrecclesham.org.uk with an indication of what you would like to do. We hope to see you then. Many thanks from the Messy Church team.

St Peter's Christmas Luxury Hamper time! Please can we ask for your generosity once again in filling the Hamper with Christmas goodies. We hope to start selling the Draw tickets at the Jigsaw Sale to maximise the fundraising that the hamper generates. As usual it will be drawn after the Carol Service. Just bring your gifts to Church on Sundays or contact Chris Wilkes - wilkeschrisfrank17@gmail.com 01252 710946

Do come and support our **Grand Jigsaw Sale & Gift Stall on Saturday November 21st,** also including live music from the Farnham Brass Training Band at 12 noon.
We would still welcome:
- items for the gift stall (hand crafted decorations, accessories, knitwear, greetings cards, preserves etc, unwanted Christmas decorations in good condition). To the church from 9.30am on Friday 20th and by 4pm, if possible;
- home made cakes, scones or cookies for the refreshments;
- help on the day;
- and please bring in your completed and boxed puzzles on Friday 20th.

Contact Rob or Kathryn with any offers or queries.

Calendars for sale: The Wrecclesham Conservation Group have produced a beautiful 2027 calendar showing scenes from our Church Yard. It is on sale for £8 with all funds raised supporting St Peter's Church. It would make the perfect gift for Christmas and will be on sale after each service and event. We thank the conservation group for supporting our fund raising in such a creative way.

Advent Reflections: There will be three afternoon Advent reflections led by Steven and kindly hosted by Christine and Frank Wilkes. Tuesday, 1st, 8th and 15th December, starting 2pm and finishing at 3.30pm. Please let Christine or Steven know if you wish to join us for some quiet time, prayer and singing. Steven stevenknowles1@gmail.com Christine wilkeschrisfrank17@gmail.com

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 2nd Sunday before Advent

8am No service
10am Parish Communion – Rev Sandy Cavalier. Refreshments in the Hall after the service

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 Julia Davidson 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 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.

Readings

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 13. 4-end

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Second Reading: 1 John 3. 16-23

We know what love is because Jesus Christ gave his life for us. So we should give our lives for our brothers and sisters. Suppose someone sees a brother or sister in need and is able to help them. And suppose that person doesn't take pity on these needy people. Then how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, don't just talk about love. Put your love into action. Then it will truly be love.

Here's how we know that we hold to the truth. And here's how we put our hearts at rest, knowing that God is watching. If our hearts judge us, we know that God is greater than our hearts. And he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not judge us, we can be bold with God. And he will give us anything we ask. That's because we obey his commands. We do what pleases him. God has commanded us to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ. He has also commanded us to love one another