

News Sheet for Sunday 18th October – Twentieth 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 everyone involved in leading our worship today, to Jill Yates for organising refreshments and to Chris G for the flowers, they are much appreciated...

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

8am No service

10.00am Holy Communion - Rev Helen Mitchell. Refreshments in the Hall after the service

Lectionary: Exodus 33.12-23 ; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 ; Matthew 22.15-22

The Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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.

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

(please 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...

The PCC is very pleased to share the following news with everyone:

The Bishop of Dorking & Acting Bishop of Guildford, the Rt Revd Paul Davies, is delighted to announce that Rev Joss Sanders has been appointed as Interim Priest in Charge at Wrecclesham and Associate Priest for Families Ministry at The Bourne, subject to DBS and medical clearance, for a period of 3 years. He is currently Director of Music at Bedford School, alongside being a Self-Supporting Associate Minister at St Mary's Church Goldington in St Alban's Diocese. Dates for Joss and his family to move are yet to be confirmed.

Joss Sanders says: "I am delighted and excited about this appointment to serve within the Wrecclesham and The Bourne parishes. My wife Caroline and I very much enjoyed meeting many of you during the interview process, and we look forward to working with you all to serve God in Wrecclesham and The Bourne." Please pray for Joss and his family as they prepare to move.

Remembrance Service for our Dear Departed: Sunday 1st November 2026, 3pm. All relatives and friends of the departed are warmly invited to a safe and special service of peace and hope, with refreshments and fellowship afterwards. We will begin by reading out the names of those who have died over past years. If you would like to add someone to this list, a form will be available at the back of the church, or you can email Julia on parishadmin@cofewrecclesham.org.uk or phone/text on 07902 768597.

Advance notice of **help required for our Grand Jigsaw Sale & Gift Stall on November 21st:** please could we have some people to set up on the afternoon and evening of Friday 20th November and assistance on the day from 10am to 5pm, with stewarding, sales and providing refreshments in the hall. We will also need cooks to bake cakes, scones etc. for refreshments and are still looking for your contributions of items for the stall, (home-made decorations, accessories, knitwear, greetings cards, preserves or anything else you can produce), unwanted Christmas decorations (in good condition) and boxed jigsaws. Please let Rob or Kathryn know what help you can offer and keep puzzling!

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.

St Peter's Autumn Quiz: Friday 23rd October, 7pm in the Leverton Hall. **Only a few tickets left!** Available from David on brace419@btinternet.com or see him in person. Tickets are £5 and the teams will be in groups of 6: come as a group or individual. Some soft drinks and snacks will be available or bring your favourite tippie! There will also be a fundraising raffle.

Morning Prayer via zoom continues on Wednesdays at 8.30pm, **now using the Anglican form.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – Bible Sunday

8am No service

10.00am Holy 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 Exodus 33.12-23

Moses said to the LORD, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight." Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.' He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.'

The LORD said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.' Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The LORD"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,' he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' And the LORD continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Gospel Matthew 22.15-22

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.