

News Sheet for Sunday 25th October – Bible Sunday

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 Sam Durrant for organising refreshments and to Chris G for the flowers, they are much appreciated...

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – Bible Sunday

8am

No service

10.00am

Holy Communion - Rev Sandy Cavalier. Refreshments in the Hall after the service

Lectionary: Nehemiah 8.1-4a,(5-6),8-12 ; Psalm 119.9-16; Colossians 3.12-17; Matthew 24.30-35

The Collect

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.

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, by Friday 30th October.

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.

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – All Saints' Day

8am	No Service
10.15am	Sunday @ St Peter's Junior Church
10.30am	All age Communion - Rev Helen Mitchell. Refreshments in Church from 9.45am
3pm	All Souls, Remembrance Service for the Departed - Steven Knowles

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 Nehemiah 8.1-4a(5-6)8-12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Second Reading Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Matthew 24:30-35

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'