

News Sheet for Sunday 26th April – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 - also to Sue for offering hospitality – and to Chris G for flowers, they are much appreciated...

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – Fourth Sunday of Easter

8am – No Service

10am – Holy Communion) – led by Rev Sandy Cavalier, Refreshments in the Hall after

Hymns: 330 – 432 – 315 – 637 - 48

Lectionary: Acts 2.42-end; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2.19-25; John 10.1-10

We welcome the family & friends of Otilie who is being baptised in our Service today

The Collect Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYERS FOR Margaret Jeffery, Jenny Emberson, Stephanie & Norman Robinson, Tim Sturt, Gerald Martin, Andrew Jones 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 Chris 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...

**** UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS ****

Saturday July 11th – Evening Harp Concert 7pm - Tickets £10 on sale from May 10th

St Peter's Community Fair on July 12th is looking for your participation.

We want lots of activity that will engage our village community, including some games for children. Could you organise a treasure hunt? An Aunt Sally sponge throw? Do you have indoor / outdoor skittles, or any other ideas for games? Or could you contribute to or run a stall selling handicrafts, produce (other than cakes) and plants? Please contact Kathryn with any offers or inspiration. kathrynbeehive@gmail.com 07796 065396

SPONSORED WALK FOR ST PETER'S CHURCH Saturday 16th May, leaving St Peter's at 10:00 and arriving at the Cathedral approx 3:30 to 4pm. We can hopefully enjoy some prayer in the Lady Chapel if it is free and perhaps refreshments in the refectory. The full walk will be 12 miles in length, but for those who want a shorter walk they can join at Puttenham, or Watts Gallery on Down Lane. What do we need to make this happen? Firstly, walkers and sponsors! Also, people prepared to bring the walkers back from the Cathedral afterwards or bring walkers back from parking their cars at the Cathedral at 09:00 in the morning. The walk is open to all ages and will provide a wonderful fitness exercise for that week, along with lovely company, conversation & scenery enroute. Sign-up sheet is in church and Leverton Hall or email Steven Knowles Stevenknowles1@gmail.com

Notice from the PCC:

Our much-appreciated Parish Administrator, Christine Wilkes, is retiring at the end of June.

We are seeking to recruit a **Part-time Parish Administrator**

This role manages the overall administration of the parish and is the first point of contact for any enquiries.

- 4 hours a week
- Details of hourly rate in application pack
- Work flexibly from home

You will need good administrative and computer abilities, strong interpersonal skills, and be able to prioritise and work independently. Application details from: churchwarden@cofewrecclesham.org.uk Closing date for applications 2.6.2026

NEW TREASURER FOR ST PETER'S – CAN YOU HELP?? We need someone to take over the role. There would be a hand over to help and support. Please speak to Gerald, 07831 352331, or any one of our PCC if you can help or know of anyone who can. Thank you.

“Please support our campaign to keep a Vicar in the Parish of Wrecclesham to lead the worship, the work, and the community of St Peter's”

An update on progress - we have received donations of over £5,000 so far and are very pleased with this good start to the campaign. We are most grateful for all contributions.

St. Peter's Church is entirely self-supporting. In order to fund a Vicar for Wrecclesham, we need to increase our income, from parishioners and the wider community, by at least another £25,000 per annum. Gifts can be made using this link which takes you to St Peter's Church Parish Giving Scheme page, or you can telephone 0333 002 1271, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, quoting parish number 170617058.

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/wrecclesham-st-peter-farnham>

Enhance your gift to St Peter's Church, through Gift Aid adding 25% to your giving, if you are eligible. Or please make a donation using the card machine at the back of the church.

We are very grateful for all donations - there is no donation too small

If you have any ideas or suggestions to help with our fund raising, please speak to the Churchwarden or a member of the PCC, or email

NEW! EVENING PRAYER via zoom. A new monthly gathering for evening prayer in the Celtic style is starting on April 30th at 8pm. If you are interested in participating and want to know more, then contact Kathryn (kathrynbeehive@gmail.com). The zoom code to use is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75165773498?pwd=lcABJ9VWVwDm9ARWa70VIGM0j2xUA1q.1>

Please join with us to pray for the future of St Peter's Church: 'A future and a hope' – a short time of prayer for our church and community after the service, **TODAY** in the side chapel. We will allow time for you to get refreshments before gathering. Future dates are now monthly: May 24th, June 28th, July 26th. Speak to Carol or Kathryn for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 5th Sunday of Easter

8am – Morning Prayer 10.30am – All Age Communion – with Refreshments in Church from 9.45am

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 **Chris Wilkes** 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 Acts 2.42-end Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved

Second Reading 1 Peter 2.19-25 Brothers and sisters: It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel John 10.1-10 Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'