

News Sheet for Sunday 3rd May – The Fifth 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 Sam for offering hospitality – and to Chris G for flowers, they are much appreciated...

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am – Morning Prayer – led by Steven Knowles

10.30am – Holy Communion – led by Rev Sandy Cavalier, Refreshments in Church from 9.45am

Lectionary: Genesis 8.1-19; Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16; Acts 7.55-60; John 14.1-14

The Collect Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

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...

Please note a change in our usual Services for Sunday 7th June –

8am Holy Communion - led by Rev Clive Richardson

10.30am will be a Non-Communion Service (details to follow)

**** 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

See the Church website for a link to the Just Giving Page for the Walk

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. Next meeting is Thursday May 21st at 8pm. If you are interested in participating and want to know more, then contact Kathryn (kathrynbeehive@gmail.com). The zoom code to use will be published the Sunday before.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 6th Sunday of Easter

8am – NO SERVICE 10am – Parish Communion – with Refreshments in Hall after

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

Readings

First Reading: Genesis 8.1-19 But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, and the waters gradually receded from the earth. At the end of one hundred and fifty days the waters had abated; and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. The waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him anymore.

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh – birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth – so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.' So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

Second Reading: 1 Acts 7.55-60 Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Gospel John 14.1-14

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'