

# News Sheet for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – The Third Sunday of Lent

**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 Wendy for offering hospitality, - very much appreciated...**

## **THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**8am – NO SERVICE**

**10am** – Parish Communion – led by Rev Sandy Cavalier, refreshments in the Hall after

Hymns: 555 – 93 – 300 – 466 - 19

**Lectionary:** Exodus 1.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

**The Collect** Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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, Moira Davies, 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...

**RIP** - we remember the family of Bishop Andrew and all who loved him; we remember also the family of Michael Read of Boundstone - Funeral Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> 3pm @ Aldershot Crem

**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 \*\***

**22<sup>nd</sup> March - 10am Mothering Sunday All Age Service – Messy Church 4pm  
Maundy Thursday 8pm – Good Friday 10am – Easter Day 8am & 10.30am**

### **Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> – Evening Concert - details to follow**

Also, that weekend - mark Sunday **July 12<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar and keep it free!

We are organising a '**St Peter's Community Fair**', from 1.30 – 3.30pm, in the church, hall and churchyard, with participation from as many of our linked community groups as possible.

We will be looking for your support and involvement, with more details nearer the time."

**BAKING HELP NEEDED THIS THURSDAY PLEASE** for any voluntary cakes or snacks to offer on Thursday 12th March. Surrey Choices Growth Team is coming back to the Churchyard to help us with another scrub clearance and tidying up for which we very grateful. Because they don't charge us and are such lovely people with a range of disabilities, we'd like to show them a warm welcome.

The Wrecclesham Conservation Group will prepare something, too, but if St. Peter's Church people can help, we'll be very grateful. [mhchun1728@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mhchun1728@yahoo.co.uk)

**OUR NEXT MESSY CHURCH SESSION, MESSY EASTER**, is on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 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, leading a planned activity, 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 (it is pizza this time).

If you are able to offer help or plan to come along, please email [messychurch@cofewrecclesham.org.uk](mailto: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.

### **EASTER LILIES**

**If anyone would like to donate money towards our Easter Lilies, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please see Chris Gray**

***“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 approximately £4,000 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 TREASURER FOR ST PETER’S – CAN YOU HELP??** at the end of February, our Treasurer, Colin, is retiring. We need someone to take over the role. Colin will be able to hand over to you and give help and support in the transition period. Please speak to me or any one of our PCC if you can help or know of anyone who can. Thank you. Gerald Blues 07831 352331

**THE NEXT AFTERNOON LENT REFLECTION** – is **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March @ 2pm** Frank & Christine are offering their home for Lent reflections, led by Steven; Tuesday afternoons on 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March 2-3.30pm. We will have a little worship and some reflection and personal sharing informed by our pilgrimage of life and the journey of Jesus through the Holy Land. Please let Christine and/or Steven know, and you are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

**JOURNEYING WITH JESUS TOWARDS EASTER” – WEEKLY TAKETIME MEDITATIONS DURING LENT.** This **Weds 11<sup>th</sup> March**, via zoom. (Zoom account not required. You just need to have online access). Sessions comprise 40 minutes of relaxation, paraphrased gospel narrative and meditation, with music. Future dates are 8pm on Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> March & Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March. Come to as many or as few as you wish. If you think you might like to take part, please get in touch with Kathryn on [kathrynbeehive@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynbeehive@gmail.com) or 07796 065396. To join session, click on <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78428734047?pwd=WklxtZiNCsyqeRWNwLuxvLbN2JnCdE.1> promptly at 8pm.

**PRAYING TOGETHER:** ‘A future and a hope’ a short time of prayer for our church and community **TODAY**, after the service, allowing 20 minutes for coffee. – **forthcoming dates** for this short time of prayer for our church and community after the service will be March 29<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please speak to Carol or Kathryn for more information.

**NEXT SUNDAY’S SERVICE 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**8am – Holy Communion 10am** – Mothering Sunday All Age Service – with Refreshments in the 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](mailto:parishadmin@cofewrecclesham.org.uk) – Tel/text: 07902 768597

**WRECCLESHAM OVER 60’S** – On 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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-HAND 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](mailto:info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk) or call 07901 58153 visit website [farnham.foodbank.org.uk](http://farnham.foodbank.org.uk)

**DIOCESE NEWS** - If you would like news and info from the Diocese, please sign up to their [weekly parish brief](#).

## **Bible Readings**

### **First Reading Exodus 1. 1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

### **Second Reading Romans 5.1-11**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### **Gospel John 4.5-42**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the

people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." 38I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'