

News Sheet – for Sunday 7th May 2023
A Coronation Celebration – 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 making this Sunday's worship and happen

HEADLINES:

Rachel & Tim write: We would like to thank everyone at St Peter's for the rose bush and garden voucher, and the beautiful card and cake that we received last Sunday. The rose bush is in the front garden already and we look forward to spending the voucher. You have all been a great blessing to us.

The Memorial for Jack Crawford – will take place 12.30pm (refreshments) Saturday 13th May with the service commencing at 1pm following by refreshments in Leverton Hall. All are welcome to give thanks and honour for Jack's wonderfully rich life of service and community engagement.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME PROJECT - THE BOOKLET THAT WE WILL BE DELIVERING TO EVERYONE IN THE PARISH IS READY - it contains an invitation for people to help St Peter's....

Delivery: We will be asking each of us to deliver some booklets in our local roads – and others will be helping to fill the gaps – we will be delivering 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st May – if it is a long road we will share the load. They will be pre-bundled for you.

Open Day: There will be an **Open Day on Sunday 28th May, 12-5pm** – with a flowers – cream tea – history presentation – with an **Evensong for Pentecost at 6pm**

If you would like to contribute a flower arrangement for the flower display to be alongside the flower team's arrangements – please do let Chris Gray know – it will be lovely to have some arrangements around the window sills – of course you are welcome to take them home afterwards to enjoy them... 😊

Spring-time Concert: Rowledge Community Choir – Saturday 20th May, 7.30pm - we are delighted that Rowledge Community Choir are coming to St Peter's – Admission will be FREE and interval refreshments will be available. There will be a Retiring Collection to raise funds for St Peter's Church – any offerings will be much appreciated.

Messy Church: Fruits of the Spirit – Sunday 21st May, 4pm – come along – or come and help if you can! **Please let Jacqueline know if you might be able to help out -**

TODAY:

Sunday 7th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter – Coronation Celebration

8am Holy Communion – Rev Jacqueline

10.30am Third Sunday Service for the Fifth Sunday of Easter – with refreshments before the service

12pm – Holy Baptism – William Hope

Readings:

Lectionary for Easter 5 - Acts 7.55-60; Psalm 31.1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14

Hymns:

125 Crown him with many crowns – 434 Majesty – 575 Seek ye first the kingdom of God – Cm King of kings (on screen) - 465 Now thank we all our God

The Collect for the King -

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

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. Amen

NEXT WEEK – 14th May:

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Communion (with refreshments after the service)

FOR THE DIARY

• **A schedule** is available outlining this year's special services & social events – on the table at the back...

'Little Women'

'A production to make your heart sing!' ALL PROFITS TO PHYLLIS TUCKWELL

Key Players are thrilled to bring you this new adaptation of the timeless classic 'Little Women "This is an immersive, promenade production. You will move around the Maltings with us, with scenes set in the Foyer, the Courtyard and the Barley Room. East with us, dance with us, laugh with us, cry with us!"

'Little Women' is directed and adapted by Key Players' founder, Sophie Key

Tickets are limited in number due to the promenade nature of the production, so book early to avoid disappointment! Please note – audience will need to be comfortable walking around the space and standing for some part of the performance.

Performance times and tickets:

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th June 2023 at 2.30pm & 7.30pm **TICKETS** - Full: £15 Concession: £12

Recommended for 8 years and over www.farnhammaltings.com – Box Office: 01252 745444

A FINAL – AND FREE - DRESS REHEARSAL PERFORMANCE - SUNDAY 11TH JUNE AT 2.30PM

St Peter's Church, Beales Lane, Wrecclesham GU10 4PY

Key Players have been using both the church and Leverton Hall to rehearse and they would like to invite the St Peter's Church community to the final dress rehearsal **as a thank you** for giving them such a warm welcome.

Tickets are free, but there will be donation buckets for Phyllis Tuckwell.

If you would like to attend, please email Sophie Key at sophiekeyplayers@gmail.com, so she can add your name to the guest list, or call 01252 716431 to let Rev Jacqueline know. There will be refreshments in the interval served in Leverton Hall, and **the performance is wheelchair accessible.**

CHURCH NOTICES

HELP NEEDED, PLEASE!

- **Help with the Techy Team rota** - we would like to extend the team - it is not as challenging as it sounds! Please do speak to Rob/Jacqueline or any of our wonderful Techy Team if you would like to know more – you will be on the rota roughly once every 4/5 weeks – and you can work with another person if you like to be in a team!

GENERAL NOTICES

- **Farnham Assist – 2023 Programme now available by the notice boards** – Farnham Assist reach out to older people who live alone or who are carers – there are fliers at the back of church. **Please do take one if you or anyone you know might benefit from becoming part of the Farnham Assist community** – monthly Sunday lunches – pie & pint club for gentlemen – knit & natter – Ladies pub lunches – day trips & walks – and transport to help – it's all there...
- **High Utility Bills** – if anyone you know is struggling to pay for the high heating costs or any other household/ financial challenge, please do let me know and I can signpost to the relevant local source of help and funding...

THANK YOU...

- Thank you to everyone who made such a wonderful evening for the Coronation vigil & Celebration on Friday evening – the flower team for lovely Coronation flowers (Jill, I think ☺) - Kathryn, Sam and Rob for set up, decorating and hospitality – David, music and fireworks – the uniforms who attended with colours and crowns – Vanda for techy and amazing photo show and music – jonathan, Shirley and Nicola for our Coronation Community Collage – that is on display and will be hung in Leverton Hall
- Thank you to Jim Jeffery for tending to the flag formalities and tolling of our bell on Coronation Day.

PRAYERS FOR:

Andrew Steward, Reg Skeet, Colin Durrant, Zoe Perkins, – for all who are poorly, and give thanks for the healing and ongoing wellbeing of all recovering and on the mend from illness....

Funeral dates:

Jack Crawford: (Public) Memorial and Thanksgiving: 12.30pm Saturday 13th May

Please also pray for the life and work of our Church, that we might be part of God's loving and transforming grace here in our place, – PLEASE do consider whether you could offer some time to be on this group who oversee the running of St Peter's on behalf of us all....

Please contact Jacqueline on vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk or 716431 / 07806 775974 if you have a notice to share – or if you would like to talk about something else – her day off is a Monday....

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE TEAM – none this week

OLDER NOTICES

LIONS WENCESLAS WINTER FUEL AID - If anyone is struggling with winter fuel bills, please do speak to Jacqueline who can refer to this worthy local fund to help with costs...

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 – An urgent appeal by Farnham Foodbank – they are low on supplies...

THE BASKET IS NOW LOCATED ON THE RIGHT-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

For April they are asking for: Small jars of coffee - Instant mash - Tinned fish - Jams/marmalade - UHT juice

- **Please** continue to put donations in the basket and Lizzy Hendry & Stephanie Robinson will kindly be taking the food to the Foodbank – thank you everyone...

Contact: mail: info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk or call 07901 58153 visit our website farnham.foodbank.org.uk or follow on Facebook facebook.com/farnhamfoodbank

GROUPS TO KEEP ST PETER'S TICKING OVER – MEET EVERY 2/3 MONTHS

TO PLAN/PREP & KEEP AN ON THE TICKING OVER OF THE LIFE OF ST PETER'S FAMILY & CHURCH

Fabric and Finance Group – Events & Fundraising Group – Worship & Spirituality Group

Please speak to Rob or Jacqueline if you would like to chat about offering some time and talent for St Peter's in the name of the Lord! ☺

- **Events & Fundraising Group** – thinking about how we can be social, have fun & raise funds (currently Jacqueline, Rob, Vanda, Wendy, Pat, Andrew & Zoe)
- **Fabric & Finance Group** – be part of a team that keeps an eye on the fabric side of things & the finance updates (currently Jacqueline, Rob & Gerald (joint chairs), Steven, Jonathan, Philip, Sally, and Treasurer Colin

WESTMINSTER ABBEY PASS - We have kindly been given a pass by Anthea's cousin to Westminster Abbey that allows up to four adults to visit for free – children go free anyway... We can use it up to six times in one year – two slots have been booked already – Eddie and Pat had a lovely time last week. Ask them to show you the photos! **If you would like to book a slot, please let Jacqueline know....**

HYMNS – you can choose! – If you have a hymn that you would particularly like to sing to acknowledge an anniversary or just because you like it, please let Jacqueline know and we can make it happen! ☺

REMINDER – A short version of **Daily Prayer is available on the Church of England Website and as an App.**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> [Download Time To Pray app](#)

[Access the text online](#)

St Peter's WhatsApp Group – a lovely way to share little bits and pieces of our daily lives and thoughts – Please be in touch with Jacqueline 07806 775974 or vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk who can pass your details to Naomi....

Schroder Trust - Funding is available from the Schroder Trust for Wrecclesham residents and organisations who are in need of assistance – please speak to Rob Durrant for further information and Farnham Town Council for the application form - <https://www.farnham.gov.uk/services/grants/the-isabella-schroder-trust>

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS LIFTED – PLEASE NOTE:

Face coverings will not be compulsory, but a personal preference – we will keep the north aisle available for those who wish to continue to socially distance. Being mindful of keeping each other safe – observing personal space – hand sanitising & ventilation will help us keep things as covid-secure as possible.

Bible Readings – Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: *Acts 7.55-60*

Standing before the high priest and the council, ⁵⁵Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then 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. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰Then 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.

Psalms 31.1-5, 15-16

Second Reading: *1 Peter 2.2-10*

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious

in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', ⁸and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.'

⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

⁸Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'

⁹Jesus 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"? ¹⁰Do 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. ¹¹Believe 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. ¹²Very 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. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'