

News Sheet – for Sunday 21st May 2023

The Seventh Sunday of Easter - The Turning point of the Ascension

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

We welcome Brian Cotterill who will be playing the organ for the 10am service – thank you, Brian!

TODAY:

Sunday 21st May - Seventh Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion – Rev Jacqueline

10.00am Third Sunday Service – no Communion

4pm – Messy 'Fruits of the Spirit' Church

Readings:

Lectionary for Easter 7 - Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10,32-35; 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11; John 17.1-11
(please feel free to use the pew Bibles to follow the readings)

Hymns:

238 Great is thy faithfulness - 196 God Forgave my sin - 402 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour – 81 Brother sister, let me serve you - 692 We are marching in the light of God

The Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

HEADLINES:

Open Afternoon flowers: 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 – they can be a pose to go in our lovely St Peter's vases – or you can make a pose – and of course you are welcome to take them home afterwards to enjoy them... ☺

CHRISTIAN AID – Thank you for those who have responded to Christian Aid week in one way or another..

Thy Kingdom Come 2023 – this is the Church of England initiative for pray in God's Kingdom between Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost. We are not doing anything 'formerly' this year, but you can sign up to get daily reflections... To download TKC23 App use the following links;

For iOS - [Thy Kingdom Come on the App Store \(apple.com\)](https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/thy-kingdom-come/id1538444444)

For Android - [Thy Kingdom Come - Apps on Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cofewrecclesham.tk23)

THANK YOU to those who helped with last night's Spring-time Concert: Rowledge Community Choir – and thank you especially to Edwin & Tim and the Rowledge Community Choir – and Sound Mix – and to all who supported the concert.

THANK YOU – DELIVERY OF LEAFLETS

- A Huge thank you to everyone who delivered the PGS leaflets to people in the parish – what a wonderful job we did – and we pray that people who might not know the church will come along to the Open Afternoon to find out a bit more and to enjoy some hospitality – we have reached out and now we can see if anyone in the parish would like to support the work and life of St Peter's church building and life in the community.
- **THANK YOU TO NICOLA COVEY** for the wonderful design and graphics – and to **VANDA AND JONATHAN** for the dialogue and taking the lead in the prepping and planning the delivering and Open Day.

More to follow....

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

The PCC met last week. Headlines: they agreed to adopt the Safeguarding Policy; reviewed the financial figures up to the end of April 2023 and agreed to change suppliers to greatly reduce utility bills. They discussed the Church Development Plan and recent Archdeacons visit – and were pleased with the positive response from Archdeacon Paul Davies.

The PCC also agreed to removing the necessity for clergy to wear masks to administer Communion – but we will still continue to have the celebrant instinct wafers for the time being.

SERVICES NEXT WEEK – 28th May:

8am - Holy Communion

10am - Parish Communion for The Day of Pentecost – with refreshments afterwards

12-5pm – **ST PETER'S OPEN DAY** – flowers – history display – cream tea – **please do drop in...** ☺

6pm – **Evensong for the Day of Pentecost** – choral Evensong sung by The Pilgrim Choir

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.

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

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 Maltings:** We're delighted to be launching our **Movement Mornings** class, starting this **Thursday 11th May at 11.30am** running for **12 weeks**. **Movement Mornings** is an Otago based strength and balance class, followed by refreshments, where participants can enjoy the company of their classmates over a cuppa. This project is part of our ongoing *Tackling Loneliness* work. We hope this class will help the offering of social opportunities in the Farnham area, as well as promote health and wellbeing.
- **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... to all of us for being there for each other and doing what we can for the love of the Lord and our St Peter's Church! ☺

- Thank you to the PGS team – see above –
- Thank you to Andrew for tidying up the Remembrance Garden – and to Jim and Margaret Jeffery for keeping the monument looking well kept and cared for.

PRAYERS FOR:

Andrew Steward, Reg Skeet, 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....

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@cofewrecclisham.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 May 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 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 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 1.6-14 (Pew Bible p1096)

⁶When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11 – The Message version (Pew Bible p1089)

¹⁻⁵ Jesus said these things. Then, raising his eyes in prayer, he said:

Father, it's time. Display the bright splendour of your Son so the Son in turn may show your bright splendour. You put him in charge of everything human so he might give real and eternal life to all in his care. And this is the real and eternal life: that they know you, the one and only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. I glorified you on earth by completing down to the last detail what you assigned me to do. And now, Father, glorify me with your very own splendour, the very splendour I had in your presence before there was a world.

⁶⁻¹¹ I spelled out your character in detail to the men and women you gave me. They were yours in the first place; then you gave them to me, and they have now done what you said. They know now, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that everything you gave me is first hand from you, for the message you gave me, I gave them; and they took it, and were convinced that I came from you. They believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I'm not praying for the God-rejecting world but for those you gave me, for they are yours by right. Everything mine is yours, and yours mine, and my life is on display in them. For I'm no longer going to be visible in the world; they'll continue in the world while I return to you.

Holy Father, guard them as they pursue this life that you conferred as a gift through me, so they can be one heart and mind as we are one heart and mind.