

News Sheet – for Sunday 9th July 2023
The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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

TODAY'S MAIN NOTICES

- **Our 10am Service will be in the Tea Tent on the Rec** - Please bring your own refreshments if you wish – our tea tent will open at 1pm! ☺
THANK YOU to **Kathryn & Rob** leading the tea tent – **Philip & Jill & family** leading the bottle tombola – and **Andrew** leading the raffle – and to **EVERYONE** who is contributing to make them happen! ☺
- **There will be a PCC Meeting on Wednesday 19th July** – please do pray for the flourishing of our spiritual, business and practical life of St Peter's Church – please let Jacqueline know if you have anything you would like to be discussed – the agenda and minutes are always available to everyone.
- **Next Week – 10am 16th July** – some of the **Wrecclesham Songbirds** will be coming to sing at our service and we look forward to welcoming them.
We will also be offering ways to develop our prayer life at home as part of our Everyday Faith for Everyday People journey....
- **NEW! 3pm Monday 17th July - Celebrating Summer Service** at the Spire Church, South Street, Farnham – an informal service of around 30 minutes followed by free summer refreshments. All welcome!
- **6PM SUNDAY 23RD JULY** - PLEASE START GETTING YOUR TOP 3 HYMN CHOICES TO DAVID IN PREPARATION FOR OUR **ST PETER'S SONGS OF PRAISE AND TOP TEN FAVOURITE HYMNS**

PLEASE SEE POSTER FOR INFORMATION – THERE WILL BE INTERVAL REFRESHMENTS!

TODAY'S SERVICE:

Sunday 9th July

8am Holy Communion – Revd Jacqueline

10am – Tent Service

Readings:

Lectionary: *Zechariah 9.9-12; Psalm 145.8-15; Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 11.16-19,25-30*

Tent Service: Psalm 104:1-31 – Hymns and Readings are on the special service sheet

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SERVICES NEXT WEEK – 16th July

8am - Holy Communion – President: Rev Jacqueline

10am – Third Sunday Service – with Communion – with refreshments in the hall afterwards

HEADLINES

COMING UP – SUMMER DATES FOR THE DIARY

11AM SUNDAY 16 JULY - CHRISTIAN OUTDOOR SERVICE – GROUNDS OF WAVERLEY ABBEY

This outdoor service at Waverley Abbey will feature praise and worship, a short Bible teaching, encouraging stories of Christian initiatives in the town, and prayer for our town and for a planned mission in 2024. There will also be ministry for children. The grounds, with a family treasure hunt and prayer trail, will be available for picnics after the service; ice cream and refreshments will be available.

They request that those intending to bring children in school years R-6 to the event register in advance at www.fcct.support/kids to help with planning.

**WE COULD ATTEND THIS AFTER OUR OWN SERVICE – ARRIVING A BIT LATE
(or you could choose to attend the outdoor service of course!)**

SUNDAY 16TH JULY – MESSY PICNIC in the Vicarage Garden

NEW! SUNDAY 23RD JULY, 6PM – Summer Songs of Praise with Pimms & Nibbles – **Top 10 Hymns as chosen by you** – START THINKING ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE HYMNS AND WHY YOU LIKE THEM.... ☺

NEW! SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST, 7.30PM - MID SUMMER CONCERT! - SAVE THE DATE! – We are delighted to be welcoming **the excellent & entertaining Hart Male Voice Choir for a Mid-summer Concert** – **SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST, 7.30PM** – Tickets are **£12.50** and will soon be available at church on Sundays – by emailing vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk or telephone 716431

NEW! SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST – MUSIC IN THE MEADOW: CHARITY TEA TENT - St Peter's Church is hosting the **charity tea stall** at "Music in the Meadow" once again on **Sunday 20th August** - this is a great event to support, hopefully a sunny afternoon outside enjoying the band and soaking up the atmosphere. What more could you wish for other than a nice cup of tea and a slice of cake!

MAGAZINE – Did you know you can send your magazine crossword completions to Sue Davies – I've noticed there are the same faithful contributors to the list – why don't you have a go and send your completed answers to Sue? ☺

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** — 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 those preparing for the Wrecclesham Fete tea tent – bottle stall – and service TODAY – AND FOR ALL WHO ARE SUPPORTING THEM! More to follow

PRAYERS FOR:

Margaret Jeffery, Andrew Steward, Roger Whittington, 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....

We continue to also pray for Wendy as she gets stronger in her mobility and hand following her procedure – and look forward to welcoming Wendy back soon, we hope!

RIP: Alan Smith (Ashton Manor) – Please pray for Alan's family and friends as they mourn – Funeral will be at 12.45pm at Guildford Crematorium.

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 – no notices 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](https://www.facebook.com/farnhamfoodbank)

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 David....

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>

Bible readings for Petertide

Bible Reading: Acts 12:1-11 (Good News Translation)

12 About this time King Herod^[a] began to persecute some members of the church. **2** He had James, the brother of John, put to death by the sword. **3** When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he went ahead and had Peter arrested. (This happened during the time of the Festival of Unleavened Bread.) **4** After his arrest Peter was put in jail, where he was handed over to be guarded by four groups of four soldiers each. Herod planned to put him on trial in public after Passover. **5** So Peter was kept in jail, but the people of the church were praying earnestly to God for him.

6 The night before Herod was going to bring him out to the people, Peter was sleeping between two guards. He was tied with two chains, and there were guards on duty at the prison gate. **7** Suddenly an angel of the Lord stood there, and a light shone in the cell. The angel shook Peter by the shoulder, woke him up, and said, "Hurry! Get up!" At once the chains fell off Peter's hands. **8** Then the angel said, "Tighten your belt and put on your sandals." Peter did so, and the angel said, "Put your cloak around you and come with me." **9** Peter followed him out of the prison, not knowing, however, if what the angel was doing was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. **10** They passed by the first guard station and then the second, and came at last to the iron gate that opens into the city. The gate opened for them by itself, and they went out. They walked down a street, and suddenly the angel left Peter. **11** Then Peter realized what had happened to him, and said, "Now I know that it is really true! The Lord sent his angel to rescue me from Herod's power and from everything the Jewish people expected to happen.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16.13-19 (Good News Translation)

13 Jesus went to the territory near the town of Caesarea Philippi, where he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" **14** "Some say John the Baptist," they answered. "Others say Elijah, while others say Jeremiah or some other prophet." **15** "What about you?" he asked them. "Who do you say I am?" **16** Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

17 "Good for you, Simon son of John!" answered Jesus. "For this truth did not come to you from any human being, but it was given to you directly by my Father in heaven. **18** And so I tell you, Peter: you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build my church, and not even death will ever be able to overcome it. **19** I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven; what you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and what you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."

Bible Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Zechariah 9.9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the warhorse from Jerusalem;

and the battle-bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm 145.8-15

Second Reading: Romans 7.15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

At that time Jesus said, ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

²⁵I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’