

**News Sheet – for Sunday 30th July 2023
The Eighth 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

If you haven't taken a **Prayer Pack gift** please do if you would like one, and yo anyone else you might know who would like one. This little resource might help us on our individual prayer journey as part of our Everyday Faith for Everyday People journey

TODAY'S MAIN NOTICES

6PM THIS EVENING! A SERVICE AT THE CATHEDRAL FOR ARCHDEACON PAUL DAVIES as he leaves his post to prepare to take up ministry as **THE BISHOP OF DORKING** - This will be a lovely and joyful Evening Service followed by refreshments as we say farewell and thanks to Archdeacon Paul. Everyone is welcome – some of us will be attending.

SONGS OF PRAISE & TOP TEN HYMN PARADE!

THANK YOU TO DAVID FOR PLAYING SO HEARTILY – assisted by Jonathan and Carol (thank you to Jonathan for playing a couple of the top-ten hymns so beautifully) - **AND TO ROB & SAM & EDDIE & PAT for hospitality** – and to **COLIN & ANDY, ROB & SAM** and others who helped set up/clear away – what a marvellous and very moving evening of singing and praising, and of hearing about people's favourite hymns and some of the reasons why....

CONGRATULATIONS – 1. How Great Thou Art – 2. Dear Lord and Father of Mankind – 3. Shine Jesus Shine
The list will be on the board – and attached with the notices email!

ORGAN REPAIRS

Please do take a look at some of the organ pieces and pipes on display as the organ has some work carried out. We have been taking photos and David can talk us through at some point – it will be completed next week. Thank you so much to Organ Design: Edward Dove and his team – and to David for overseeing this project.

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST, 7.30PM - MID SUMMER CONCERT WITH HART MVC

We are delighted to be welcoming Hart Male Voice Choir for a Mid-summer Concert
Tickets are £12.50 – to buy online via our website – or tickets from Rob available at church on Sundays – or by emailing vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk or telephone 716431

Please do support this if you can as one of our fundraisers-with-fun!

NEW! LEE ABBEY 2024

We will having another **Church Weekend Away to Lee Abbey, Lynmouth, North Devon** – a time of retreat and fun – **Friday 4th – Sunday 6th July** - there is a **sign-up sheet on the notice board** – please kindly show your interest so I can get an idea of numbers. I need to get some rooms booked....

TODAY'S SERVICE:

Sunday 30th July

8am - Holy Communion – Celebrant: Rev Jacqueline

10am – Fifth Sunday Communion – with refreshments in the hall afterwards
Celebrant and Preacher: Rev Jacqueline – Music (Piano) David

Readings & Hymns:

Lectionary: 1 Kings 3.5-12; Ps 119.129-136; Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

Hymns: 129 Thy hand O God has guided – 637 The Lord's my Shepherd – 401 Longing for Light – 605Cm Take my Life and let it be – 125 Crown him with many crowns

The Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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 – 6th August

8am - Holy Communion

10.30am First Sunday Service for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity – with refreshments in the church beforehand

1.30 pm – Service of Holy Matrimony between Jacob Stanley and Michaela Jewell

HEADLINES

COMING UP – SUMMER DATES FOR THE DIARY

Warm welcome from Bells Piece – summer fete

Farnham's Bells Piece, the Leonard Cheshire home in Hale Road, Farnham, is recovering from the damaging consequences of the Covid pandemic – and the good news for its many friends is they will be welcoming families and the general public to a **Summer Fete from midday on Saturday 5th August**.

"We look forward to welcoming visitors, old and new. The fete won't be on the scale of former years but will be seen as the start of a 'public' recovery," say the support group. There will be a mix of stalls - and donations of bric-a-brac, soft toys and bottles for a tombola would be welcome. Funds raised provide outings and other activities for the residents, who have learning difficulties.

The home and its support group would love to hear from anyone, perhaps including people interested in giving a little time as a volunteer? Do contact Bells Piece on 01252 715138 (please leave your name and contact number if necessary).

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

- **NEW!** There will be a **couple of boxes** in the vestry to collect donations for **RAFFLE PRIZES** (any items you might have to contribute) and **CHRISTMAS STUFF** (for a Christmas stall at the Christmas Tree Festival in December)
- **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... T 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 all on the coffee rota who supply us with lovely cakes and refreshments – we are very blessed ☺
- Thank you to Chris and Wendy for spending time researching and listing the names that need to be entered into our Remembrance Book – it will be updated soon...

PRAYERS FOR:

Margaret Jeffery, Andrew Steward, Mavis Booker, 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: Roger Whittington – Many of you will remember Roger as a faithful member of St Peter's Church and as a loyal member of the Tuesday coffee club. Roger's Funeral will take place 11am at St Peter's church on Friday 25th August.

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 – NEW BISHOP OF DORKING IS ANNOUNCED!

The Venerable Paul Davies, Archdeacon of Surrey is to become the next Bishop of Dorking. Paul will be ordained as a bishop in **Westminster Abbey on 29th September**. A service of welcome will be held at **Guildford Cathedral on 8th October at 6.00pm**. More details will be available shortly.

Paul says; *“Whilst I am slightly daunted by the responsibility to be entrusted to me, my heart is full of joy at the prospect of continuing to serve a diocese and people I have grown to love. For the past six years, I have been constantly inspired by the faith, hope and love that pours out of our churches, schools and chaplaincies in the work of transforming lives. I feel immensely blessed to have been called to serve alongside Bishop Andrew in leading and caring for this diocese and, with the help of God, will do that to the very best of my ability.*

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 – Lectionary for Eighth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: 1 Kings 3.5-12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, ‘Ask what I should give you.’

⁶And Solomon said, ‘You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?’

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, ‘Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.’

Psalm 119.129-136

Second Reading: Romans 8.26-39

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order

that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, ³⁹nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

³¹Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' ³³He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵²And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'