

News Sheet – for Sunday 3rd, Sunday 10th, Sunday 17th September 2023

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Thank you to everyone involved in making this Sunday's worship and happen - and to whoever is offering refreshments and hospitality today..

TODAY'S MAIN NOTICES

Rev Jacqueline will be on holiday from 4th – 19th September (Please contact churchwarden Rob Durrant if you have any enquiries or Chris Wilkes will be available from Monday 11th September)

Service cover: 10/9: 8am Rev Clive Richardson – 10am Rev Sandy –
17/9: 8am Rev Haydon Wilcox – 10am Worship Team: Jonathan, Carol and David

PARISH BBQ! – 1-3PM SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER - £6 EACH - £15 A FAMILY

Hot dogs – burgers – soft drinks available - **please bring** alcohol drinks if you wish and please bring own plates, cutlery, glasses & CHAIRS (if you can!) Please also - a **Salad contribution** will be much appreciated if you are able.... **Come and enjoy a lovely bit of social time together in the vicarage garden –**

THANK YOU – to the **Magazine Team – September's issue is with us** ☺ Thank you to everyone who contributes to the content each month – regulars John Negus, Margaret Jeffery, Juliet at Hive Helpers, Sue for the crossword, Jacqui for Sudoku & more, David Coles for the dog walks, Beverley & Jerry for 'Whats On' – Chris Wilkes for Registers, – to core team, Sue, June, Beverley, Gerald (Adverts) Harvey (artwork for front cover), – **and to our new Editor-in-training, Nicola Covey who we are delighted to welcome!** We are so blessed to have such a team – and not forgetting our faithful delivery team – Susan, Lizzy, Simon, Mike & Pat Guy, Doris R, Louise C, Jenny E, Kathryn, Nicky, Alex & Roz.

IF YOU HAVE A LITTLE TIME SPARE EACH MONTH TO DELIVER A FEW MAGS, PLEASE DO LET SUE DAVIES KNOW – WE WILL BE PLEASED TO HAVE YOUR HELP!

DON'T FORGET – we are always on the lookout for a variety of articles to put into the mag – it will be lovely to hear from you – about anything that might be of interest!

BREAD BAGS WANTED, PLEASE!

Please could you bring in your bread bags please – we will use them to pack the Wreath-making moss! ☺

TODAY'S SERVICE – 3rd September

8am - Holy Communion

10.30am First Sunday: Creation season begins – with refreshments in the church from 9.45am

Leader and Preacher: Rev Jacqueline – Music: David

Readings & Hymns:

Lectionary: Jeremiah 15.15-21; Ps 26.1-8; Rom 12.9-end; Matt 16.21-end

First Sunday Service: Exodus 3:2-5, 7-8; Luke 10:29-37

Hymns – 555 Praise to the Lord – 300 I heard the voice – 54 Beauty for brokenness – Cm167 For the beauty of the earth – 238 Great is thy faithfulness

The Collect for the Thiteenth Sunday after Triniity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Climate Change

Holy God, earth and air and water are your creation, and every living thing belongs to you: have mercy on us as climate change confronts us. Give us the will and the courage to simplify the way we live, to reduce the energy we use, to share the resources you provide, and to bear the cost of change. Forgive our past mistakes and send us your Spirit, with wisdom in present controversies and vision for the future to which you call us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SERVICE – 10th September

8am - Holy Communion – led by Rev Clive Richardson

10.00am Parish Communion – Rev Sandy – with refreshments in the church afterwards

Lectionary: Ezekiel 33.7-11; Psalm 119.33-40; Romans 13.8-end; Matthew 18.15-20

Hymns: 51 Awake, awake fling off the night – 416 Lord the light of your love is shining – 81 Brother, sister, let me serve you – Cm 59 - Be still and know that I am God – 612 Tell out my soul.

SERVICE – 17th September

8am – Holy Communion – led by Rev Haydon Wilcox

10am – Third Sunday Service - Jonathan, Carol & David – with refreshments in the church afterwards
Lectinary: Genesis 50.15-21; Psalm 103.1-13; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35

HEADLINES / CHURCH NOTICES

- **TICKETS ON SALE – FROM ROB – sign up sheet at back of church**

Saturday 30th September, 6pm – CHICKEN FOOT HARVEST SUPPER – FOR EVERYONE! Chicken Casserole & french bread with ice-cream to follow - £10 a ticket – children £2.50 – **This is a lovely evening to celebrate Harvest – to share a lovely meal together and to have a laugh as we play dominoes!**

- **FAMILY TIME! MESSY HARVEST - 4pm Sunday 24th September**

The usual activities with a harvest theme – please encourage families you know to come along – it's a lovely afternoon for them to gather and enjoy activities and crafts – and food & refreshments!

AUTUMN AFTERNOON GATHERINGS at the Vicarage
Wednesdays 2-3.30pm - 4/10, 11/10, 18/10, 25/10, 1/11

Hymns We Love

(especially written for us seniors, but open to all, of course 😊)

(Sign-up sheet at the back of Church)

Five sessions taking us to the heart of the Christian faith as we explore some of the nation's best-loved hymns. Over a cuppa and cake (of course!) we will watch a DVD that tells the story of the hymn writer, how the hymn came to be, and the Christian message behind it – and then we can have a chat about them and share our thoughts and memories associated with the hymn – and anything on our hearts...

- **DONATIONS WANTED PLEASE!** There will be a **couple of boxes** in the vestry to collect donations for
 - **RAFFLE PRIZES** (any items) -
 - **CHRISTMAS STUFF** (used/new - for a Christmas stall at the Christmas Tree Festival in December)

HELP NEEDED, PLEASE – 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

CATHEDRAL – Week of Accompanied Prayer – 8th – 13th October 2023 (Info at the back of church...)

Would you like to feel closer to God? Do you sometimes find it hard to pray? Do you wish you could make more sense of how God is working in your life? Would you like to learn different ways of praying?

Then a week of guided prayer is for you. This is open to all Christian churches and all those perhaps not yet affiliated with any.

We will meet together at Guildford cathedral on Sunday 8th October at 4 pm for an initial gathering, and to meet your prayer guide. For the week we will commit to pray for half an hour a day, sometimes using material provided by the guides.

We then meet daily with the guide to talk through what happened in the prayer time. On Friday the 13th Oct we will meet for an informal service and refreshments at 7.30 venue TBA. There will be an opportunity, to share the outcome of our journey with others.

Fee (if you are able) - In order to meet some of the expenses of the week you will be asked to contribute £35.

Please contact L Scrivener at email below if this might be a barrier to participation.

Contact woapguildford@hotmail.com. by Sep 15th for an application form

- **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! 😊

PRAYERS FOR:

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....

RIP / Years Mind: We remember all those dear to us whose years' mind falls around this time....:

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....

Farnham Foodbank

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 September: Tinned soup – tinned fruit – UHT puddings – tinned meats - Chocolate treats – thank you for your generosity.....

- **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

3rd September: Bible readings – for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Jeremiah 15.15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalm 26.1-8

Second Reading: Romans 12.9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16.21-28

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

3rd September: Readings for 10.30am: The First Sunday Service; Creation Season

Reading: Exodus 3: 2-5, 7-8 : God Calls Moses

The angel of the LORD appeared to Moses as a flame coming from the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire but that it was not burning up. ³"This is strange," he thought. "Why isn't the bush burning up? I will go closer and see." ⁴When the LORD saw that Moses was coming closer, he called to him from the middle of the bush

and said, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Yes, here I am." ⁵ God said, "Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground. ... ⁷ Then the LORD said, "I have seen how cruelly my people are being treated in Egypt; I have heard them cry out to be rescued from their slave drivers. I know all about their sufferings, ⁸ and so I have come down to rescue them from the Egyptians and to bring them out of Egypt to a spacious land, one which is rich and fertile.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10: 29-37 (Good News Translation); The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁹ ...The teacher of the Law wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbour?"

³⁰ Jesus answered, "There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead. ³¹ It so happened that a priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he walked on by on the other side. ³² In the same way a Levite also came there, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan who was traveling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity. ³⁴ He went over to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them; then he put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Take care of him,' he told the innkeeper, 'and when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever else you spend on him.'" ³⁶ And Jesus concluded, "In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbour toward the man attacked by the robbers?" ³⁷ The teacher of the Law answered, "The one who was kind to him."

Jesus replied, "You go, then, and do the same."

10th September – Bible Readings for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: *Ezekiel 33.7-11*

The word of the Lord came to me: ⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalm 119.33-40

Second Reading: *Romans 13.8-14*

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 18.15-20*

Jesus spoke to his disciples. ¹⁵If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

17th September – Bible readings for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10am readings: to be confirmed

Lectionary readings (*always used at 8am service*)

First Readings: Genesis 50.15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do

harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalm 103.(1-7)8-13

Second Reading: Romans 14.1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18.21-35:

²¹Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything."

²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'