

News Sheet

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity – 24th September 2023

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 - and to whoever is offering refreshments and hospitality today..

TODAY'S MAIN NOTICES

LAST CALL

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!**

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Next Sunday, 1st October, 10.30am – dry good offerings for Farnham Foodbank or cash donations for Christian Aid – all most gratefully received....

TODAY'S SERVICE – 24th September

8am - Holy Communion

10.00am – Parish Communion

Celebrant: Rev Sandy – Preacher: Rev Jacqueline – Music: David

Readings & Hymns: There are Pew Bibles available to browse/follow the readings at the back of church

Lectionary: Jonah 3.10-4.11; Ps 145.1-8; Philippians 1.21-30; Matt 20.1-16

Hymns: 175 From heaven you came – 648 There's a wideness in God's mercy – 11 Alleluia sing to Jesus - 141 Father hear the prayer we offer – 493 O Jesus I have promised

The Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 1st October

8am - Holy Communion

10.30am – Harvest Festival – with the blessing of Community Trees – refreshments in church beforehand

HEADLINES / CHURCH NOTICES

BREAD BAGS WANTED, PLEASE!

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

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

- **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...
- **GRANTS - Waverley Borough Council**
 - For Waverley residents on a lower income and living in a hard to heat home that is not heated by gas – check for eligibility for new government funding to make your home more energy efficient and reduce household bills. HELPLINE 01483 523204 – OR LOOK ONLINE AT:
<https://www.waverley.gov.uk/Council-updates/Read-our-latest-news/ArtMID/1683/ArticleID/1321/Waverley-residents-urged-to-apply-for-free-grants-to-heat-homes>

THIS WEEK'S THANK YOUs... 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 the Worship Team – Jonathan, Carol and David** – for a wonderful debut service last week – we were inspired and uplifted and look forward to more services to come, praise the Lord!
- To Rob for the cleaning of our chancel carpet and to Rob and Sam and everyone who help to keep our church looking so beautiful – inside and out ☺
- To Sue (helped by Lizzy sometimes) for keeping Leverton Hall clean and tidy for our users – and for us all...
- Thank you for Susan Barker and Andrew for tending to the outside space of the church – and to all who do a bit to keep the grounds tidy... ☺

PRAYERS FOR:

Andrew Steward, 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 Mavis Booker (d. 7/9/23 – the funeral service for Mavis will take place on Thursday 12th October at 1.30pm at Aldershot Crematorium – we continue to pray for Tony and for friends of Mavis...

Years Mind: We remember all those dear to us whose years' mind falls around this time....: *(please let Jacqueline know if you would like someone remembered by name ...)*

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 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](https://www.facebook.com/farnhamfoodbank)

Bible readings – for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Jonah 3.10-4.11

¹⁰When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. ¹But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' ⁴And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun

beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

⁹But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.'

¹⁰Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Second Reading: Philippians 1.21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'