

**News Sheet**  
**The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity – 1 October 2023**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**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**

**THANK YOU TO OUR FLOWER TEAM** – To Chris, Jenny, Jill, Hazel and Jessica this Harvest time – our autumnal flowers are beautiful and we are so blessed to be able to enjoy such a rich harvest expression of thanksgiving through their beautiful flower offerings...

**COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING & BLESSING** – There was some community tree funds money left over from a previous project – and Rob has purchased two crab apple trees to plant in the church grounds where the parish community will be able to see – and symbolically they will hold fruit – foliage – lovely seasonal colouring for us to enjoy – and for some to make crab apple jelly with ☺ **We will bless the trees in today's Harvest Festival**

**HARVEST-SUPPER THANK YOU!** At the time of print we haven't had our supper, but thank you hugely to Rob and Sam for leading with this re organising/catering – to Wendy & Andrew S for the delightful prizes and memorabilia that makes this evening the fun & quirky occasion – to everyone who helps ad hoc – and to all who come along to support St Peter's and enjoy an evening together!

**STEP BYSTEP APPEAL FROM VANDA:** I am "Sleeping Out" again this year to support Step by Step on October 13<sup>th</sup> and wondered if you would be kind enough to put a few words in the notices for me with a link to my Just Giving Page. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/vanda-bolton-1695548214904>

**WREATH-MAKING – BOOKING OPEN!** – We will be launching the 2023 Wreath making on social media on Wednesday – but wanted to give church family the heads up so that you can book your places – it's a long way off, but being in advance gives us ideas of numbers and what to order and set up in plenty of time – price held at £20 – to include the usual wreath making kit – mulled wine/mince pies – and festive fun and friendship! **BOOK EARLY** – it's popular! **You can book via Vanda – and/or by emailing [Vanda@cofewrecclesham.org.uk](mailto:Vanda@cofewrecclesham.org.uk)**

**CHURCH / CHURCH GROUNDS AUTUMN TIDY UP** – This will take place between **9am-12pm SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** – in time for Remembrance. Please do come along to tend to whatever appeals to you – many hands make light work – coffee and cake will be served!

**TODAY'S SERVICE – 1<sup>st</sup> October**

**8am**- Holy Communion

**10.30am** – Harvest Festival

Celebrant & Preacher Rev Jacqueline– Music: David

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

*Lectionary:* Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32; Ps 25.1-9; Philippians 2.1-13; Matt 21.23-32

*Harvest* - 2 Corinthians 9.6-end; Luke 12.16-30

*Hymns:* 705 We plough the field – 186 Give thanks – 121 Come ye thankful people – 40 As the deer pants for the water - 662 Think of a world without any flowers – 238 Great is thy faithfulness

The Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

The Collect for Harvest - the gathering prayer of the Church

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them wisely and to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 – 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**8am** - Holy Communion

**10am** – Parish Communion – with refreshments in the hall afterwards

**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!

**THIS WEEK'S THANK YOUs...** 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 Rev Sandy** – for her love and support for us all and the reverent leading of our worship and nourishing sermons – we are blessed!

### **PRAYERS FOR:**

Gerald Martin, 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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@cofewrecclisham.org.uk](mailto: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....

### **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](mailto:info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk) or call 07901 58153 visit our website [farnham.foodbank.org.uk](http://farnham.foodbank.org.uk) or follow on Facebook [facebook.com/farnhamfoodbank](https://facebook.com/farnhamfoodbank)

### **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:

## **Bible Readings – Harvest Festival**

### Reading: 2 Corinthians 9.6-end

Remember that the person who plants few seeds will have a small crop; the one who plants many seeds will have a large crop. <sup>7</sup>You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause. <sup>9</sup>As the scripture says, “He gives generously to the needy; his kindness lasts forever.”

<sup>10</sup>And God, who supplies seed for the sower and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and will make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity. <sup>11</sup>He will always make you rich enough to be generous at all times, so that many will thank God for your gifts which they receive from us. <sup>12</sup>For this service you perform not only meets the needs of God’s people, but also produces an outpouring of gratitude to God. <sup>13</sup>And because of the proof which this service of yours brings, many will give glory to God for your loyalty to the gospel of Christ, which you profess, and for your generosity in sharing with them and everyone else. <sup>14</sup>And so with deep affection they will pray for you because of the extraordinary grace God has shown you. <sup>15</sup>Let us thank God for his priceless gift!

### Gospel Reading: Luke 12.16-30

<sup>16</sup>Then Jesus told them this parable: “There was once a rich man who had land which bore good crops. <sup>17</sup>He began to think to himself, ‘I don’t have a place to keep all my crops. What can I do? <sup>18</sup>This is what I will do,’ he told himself; ‘I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I will store the grain and all my other goods. <sup>19</sup>Then I will say to myself, Lucky man! You have all the good things you need for many years. Take life easy, eat, drink, and enjoy yourself!’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself?’”

<sup>21</sup>And Jesus concluded, “This is how it is with those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God’s sight.”

### **Trust in God**

<sup>22</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, “And so I tell you not to worry about the food you need to stay alive or about the clothes you need for your body. <sup>23</sup>Life is much more important than food, and the body much more important than clothes. <sup>24</sup>Look at the crows: they don’t plant seeds or gather a harvest; they don’t have storage rooms or barns; God feeds them! You are worth so much more than birds! <sup>25</sup>Can any of you live a bit longer by worrying about it? <sup>26</sup>If you can’t manage even such a small thing, why worry about the other things? <sup>27</sup>Look how the wild flowers grow: they don’t work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that not even King Solomon with all his wealth had clothes as beautiful as one of these flowers. <sup>28</sup>It is God who clothes the wild grass—grass that is here today and gone tomorrow, burned up in the oven. Won’t he be all the more sure to clothe you? What little faith you have!

<sup>29</sup>“So don’t be all upset, always concerned about what you will eat and drink. <sup>30</sup>... Your Father knows that you need these things.

## **Bible readings – for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

### First Reading *Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32*

<sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge?’ <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

### *Psalm 25.1-8*

### Second Reading: *Philippians 2.1-13*

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

#### Gospel - Matthew 21.23-32

<sup>23</sup>When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today."

<sup>29</sup>He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'