

News Sheet

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity – 8 October 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..

Thank you to Brian Cotterill for kindly playing the organ for us today – a blessing....

TODAY'S MAIN NOTICES

STEP BYSTEP APPEAL FROM VANDA: I am "Sleeping Out" again this year to support Step by Step on October 13th 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>

Step by Step will be visiting us on Sunday 22nd October – we look forward to hearing from them.

WREATH-MAKING – we now only have a few places left for Saturday morning – speak to or_email Vanda@cofewrecclesham.org.uk

SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER, 3pm - Service for the Commemoration of the Dear Departed – a quiet service of thankful remembrance for our loved ones departed. Your loved one's name can be read out and you are invited to light a candle and/or bring a flower to lay on the altar if you wish as a symbol of remembrance ... **There will be a list on the notice board to add a name** – or please contact Chris Wilkes – parishadmin@cofewrecclesham.org.uk – telephone/text 07902 768597

CHURCH / CHURCH GROUNDS AUTUMN TIDY UP – This will take place between 9am-12pm SATURDAY 4TH 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!

CHRITMAS HAMPER RAFFLE - WE ARE ASKING FOR KIND DONATIONS OF LUXURY FESTIVE FANCIES – that Chris can turn into a lovely festive hamper to raffle during our Christmas functions... What would you like to receive in a luxury festive hamper?! ☺ **Please bring your items to church during these coming weeks – or to the vicarage garage**

TODAY'S SERVICE – 8th October

8am- Holy Communion

10.00am – Parish Communion – with refreshments in the hall after the service – all warmly welcome

Celebrant: Rev Sandy – Preacher; Rev Jacqueline– Music: Brian Cotterill

Readings & Hymns: There are **Pew Bibles** available to browse/follow the readings at the back of church
Lectinary: Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.7-15; Philipians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46

Hymns: 6 All creatures of our God and King – 605 Take my life and let it be – 368 Just as I am – Cm 80 Broken for me, broken for you - 31 And can it be

The Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Triniity

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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. Amen

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 15th October

8am - Holy Communion

10am – Third Sunday Service – 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 ☺)

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 everyone who donated to the Harvest offering for Farnham Foodbank and Christian Aid** – and to Lizzy for transporting the food to the Foodbank. We will know how much we raised for Christian Aid in due course.

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 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@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 October: Tinned potatoes – UHT juice – UHT sponges - Chocolate treats – toil- et rolls 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)

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>

Bible readings – for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Isaiah 5.1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my

vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed righteousness, but heard a cry!

Second Reading: Philippians 3.4b-14

⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, ⁹not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 21.33-46

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: ³³Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' ⁴¹They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

⁴²Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?'

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.

⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.