

News Sheet - All Saints Day – 5th November 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 – 3pm Service for the Commemoration of the Dear Departed – a quiet service of thankful remembrance for our loved ones departed. Please add your loved one's name to the **list on the notice board** – if you would like it read out during the service.

Today Calling all singers.... Do you like to sing? Come and join our informal choir. No experience needed, you don't need to read music or commit to regular Sundays. We will meet at 9.30 before the service to run through the hymns with David. **We will start on Sunday 5 November**, just turn up. For more information please contact me on 07548830018 or email carolzeiher@sky.com.

TODAY'S SERVICE – 5th November

8am - Holy Communion

10.30am – First Sunday Service for All Saints and All Souls - with refreshments in the church beforehand
Celebrant and Preacher – Music: David

3pm – Commemoration Service for our Dear Departed – with refreshments afterwards

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

All Saints:- Revelation 7.9–17; Ps 34.1-10; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

Lectionary : Micah 3.5-12; Ps 43: 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13; Matt 24.1-14

Hymns – 161 For all the saints – 129 Thy hand O God has guided – 515 Onward Christian pilgrims – Cm60 Be still for the presence of the Lord – 692 We are marching in the light of God

The Collect for the Last Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 12th November

8am - Holy Communion

10am – **Remembrance Sunday Service** followed by **11am Act of Remembrance around the Memorial** - with refreshments in the church afterwards (it will be busy next week....)

2pm – Holy Baptism

TODAY'S MAIN NOTICES

THANK YOU TO THE CHURCH / CHURCH GROUNDS CLEAN-UP TEAM FOR THIS AUTUMN TIDY UP – Thank you so much to those who were able to come along to give the church its Autumn clean-up – Rob, Sam, Philip, Jill, Sylvia, Gerald, Kathryn, Hugh, David, Andrew and Susan – the church looks lovely!

THANK YOU TO ROB – the crab apple trees are now firmly planted outside the church in view of those passing the church along School Hill. We look forward to their blossom and fruit – (and crab apple jelly? ☺ in seasons to come)

REMEMBRANCE POPPY-MAKING The Remembrance poppy blanket will be in the church during the week – if you would like to come in to the church during the day and add a poppy to the blanket – up until Thursday – then please do – there will be some simple poppies instructions & materials available

MESSY ADVENT – Sunday 26th November – help needed for clearing tables away etc – please let Rob/Jacqueline know if you have 15 minutes to spare around 5.30pm – thank you SO much:

CHRISTMAS 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**

WRECCLESHAM CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2023 10-4pm Sat 2nd & 2-4pm Sun 3rd December – ending with **Carols by Candlelight, 4pm Sunday 3rd December**

- **Entering a Christmas tree** – please let Jacqueline/Rob know
- **Help on the day – help needed during the weekend for the refreshments and the Christmas stall**
- 1-2 hourly stints (or what suits) – **sign up sheet at the back of the church** – thank you so much!

WREATH MAKING – We are hosting the wreath making **6-10th December** this year – a sell out!

Thank you so much to this year's Wreath/Trees team – Rob & Sam, Susan (refreshments) Chris & Frank and Vanda who has taken care of the admin – a huge task – bravo, Vanda!

- **Please keep bringing your used bread bags** to be used to pack the moss – thank you!
- **WANTED – Seasonal foliage from your garden, please!**
 - We would like donations of foliage from gardens – to be brought to church during **Monday 4th / Tuesday 5th December** – there will be buckets of water to store it in
 - **Please let Rob know if you would like him to collect some from you** – or if you are happy for someone to come along and cut some from your garden.

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER - CHRISTMAS FILMS SHOWING @ ST PETER'S SCHOOL – this will be a lovely get-ready-for-Christmas afternoon - **1pm** - Muppets Christmas Carol & **3 30pm** - The Grinch (this is the Benedict Cumberbatch one, so it isn't scary!)

OTHER HEADLINES / CHURCH NOTICES

Farnham ASSIST will be hosting a **special tea and nature talk on the afternoon of Tuesday 14th November at St Marks Church, Alma Lane, Farnham. This will commence at 2pm** and will be free of charge for residents of Upper Hale or **£5 for all others**. This is particularly aimed at older people that live alone within the area or those acting as sole carers for others. We have attached a poster for your awareness and your noticeboard/newsletters. Our speaker will come from the Ranger team that look after Farnham Park and there will be lots of cakes and refreshments available to ensure it is an interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

Advent at the Vicarage – CAROLS WE LOVE

2-3.30pm – Tues 21/11, Wed 29/11, Wed 13/12 & Wed 20/12 - (open to all ☺)

Four sessions exploring the themes of Advent through some of our favourite carols. Over a cuppa and cake (of course!) we will sing the carol (if you want to) and think about its origin and meaning and the Christian Advent message behind it – and there is space to share our thoughts and memories associated with the carol – and anything on our hearts...

'The Rowledge Ringers at St Peter's – 10am Sunday 10th December – they will be doing another 'ring' before and after the 10am service and we look forward to hearing the hand-bells once more – thank you to Moira and the team!

DONATIONS still much appreciated please! There are 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)

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 Susan who has planted out some lovely pansies between church and hall..
- Thank you to Hugh for churchyard grass cutting where he could in preparation for Remembrance – hugely appreciated, Hugh! (thank you to the contractors who removed the fallen tree in the churchyard)
- Thank you to Margaret and Jim Jeffery who tend a prepare the Memorial for our Act of Remembrance

PRAYERS FOR:

Gerald Martin, Zoe Perkins, Sylvia Ryder – for all who are poorly, and give thanks for the healing and ongoing wellbeing of all recovering and on the mend from illness....

We give thanks that Andrew Steward has made marvellous progress this year with his treatment and healing – praise the Lord! We look forward to seeing Andrew when he is able to join us, but like everyone he is always on our St Peter's heart....

RIP – Jennifer Williams (Sister of John Birch) – please pray for John and the family at this time of mourning

RIP - Guillermo Araque (Father-in-law of Judith, PCC Secretary – please pray for Judith, Pablo, Carolina & Isabel and all the family at this sad time of mourning

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 revival, and 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....

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 – you can work with another person if you like to be in a team!

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

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 November : Tinned potatoes – UHT juice – UHT sponges - Chocolate treats – toilet 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

- **Lions Fuel Appeal** - Farnham Lions, for the 12th year running, are again launching the Wenceslas Appeal for anyone who might be in a position to donate their Winter Fuel Payment to help local people and families who will find it hard to keep warm and cook in these coming months – an amazing £57,000 was distributed to people in need who were referred via the Citizens Advice and Farnham Support Fund, Farnham Foodbank and other charities...

Donations can be made to <https://www.lionsgiving.co.uk/Appeal/farnhamwenceslas> or by cheque (payable to Farnham Lions Club CIO and endorsed WFP on the back) sent to Farnham Lions Club, 45 Edward Road, Farnham GU9 8NP

- **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 All Saints (10.30am service)

First Reading - Revelation 7.9-17 (Pew Bible p.1242)

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' ¹⁴I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3 (Pew Bible p.1230)

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 (Pew Bible p.974)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets
who were before you."

LECTIONARY READINGS for the Fourth Sunday before Advent (8am Service)

First Reading - Micah 3.5-12

⁵Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry 'Peace' when they have something to eat, but declare war against those who put nothing into their mouths. ⁶Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; ⁷the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God. ⁸But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin. ⁹Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob and chiefs of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, ¹⁰who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong! ¹¹Its rulers give judgement for a bribe, its priests teach for a price, its prophets give oracles for money; yet they lean upon the LORD and say, 'Surely the LORD is with us! No harm shall come upon us.' ¹²Therefore because of you Zion shall be ploughed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

Psalm 43

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13

⁹You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. ¹¹As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹²urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. ¹³We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24.1-14

¹As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ²Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' ⁴Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁵For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. ⁶And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: ⁸all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

⁹Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. ¹⁰Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹²And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold.

¹³But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.'