

News Sheet – Sunday 3rd December – First Sunday of Advent

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 the services - and to those offering refreshments and hospitality today.

We welcome the family and friends of Odette Mathews who will be baptised today during our 10.30am service – our prayers are with her as she begins her spiritual adventure of faith

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL IS HERE – 2-4pm Sunday - CAROLS BY TREE LIGHT AT 4PM

I hope you have managed to come along to see the beautiful trees and enjoy the community spirit, some refreshments and the Farnham Ukes Band for All.

A huge thank you to Rob & Sam for leading the team – and to Kathryn for coordinating refreshments and to everyone who have contributed with festive goodies and cakes – and of course – to everyone who has contributed towards making a lovely Christmas-tree display for us to enjoy – BRAVO!

Prayer Table: Today we begin our Advent journey – and thank you to Kathryn for preparing our prayer table accordingly. Please do take a moment to visit the table – there are some lovely prayers and reflections for this season....

TODAY'S SERVICE – 3rd December

8am - Holy Communion

10.30am – First Sunday Service - Advent Sunday including Holy Baptism - refreshments in the church from 9.45am
Celebrant and preacher – Rev Jacqueline – Music: David

7pm – A Reflective Service for Advent – gathering around the piano for music and readings – refreshments from 6.30pm

Readings & Hymns: There are **Pew Bibles** available to browse/follow the readings at the back of church
Lectionary (YrB): Isaiah 64.1-9; Ps 80.1-8,18-20; 1 Cor 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-37

Baptism Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6

Hymns – 469 O Come, O come Emmanuel – 60 Be still – 401 Longing for Light – Cm435 Make me a channel of your peace – 416 Lord the light of your love

The Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 10th December

8am - Holy Communion

10am – Parish Communion for the Second Sunday of Advent - refreshments in the church afterwards

'The Rowledge Ringers at St Peter's' 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!

4pm – Christingle – please do bring your collection boxes to be blessed and enjoy making Christingles

TODAY'S MAIN NOTICES

NEARLY THERE! WREATH MAKING – FOLIAGE WANTED PLEASE!

WANTED – Seasonal foliage from your garden, please!

- to be brought to church during **Monday 4th / Tuesday 5th / Wednesday 6th 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.

THANK YOU TO CHRIS WILKES – for putting together our very impressive **Christmas Hamper** which will be raffled at £1 a ticket – available on Sundays at Church – or ask Rob/Chris for tickets
Thank you to everyone who contributed – what a festive feast!

A note from Farnham Foodbank for St Peter's family - We wanted to thank you for your generous support throughout the past year, through donations and prayers for the Farnham Foodbank. Your support is so

important to our ability to provide emergency food and other essentials to struggling individuals and families in the area, as well as to help them access support to address the wider issues that cause them to need the Foodbank.

All of us at Farnham Foodbank send you our very best wishes for a blessed and joyous Christmas and for the year to come. Warmest wishes from Harriet and the team

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 - just turn up. For more information please contact me on 07548830018 or email carolzeiher@sky.com.

Phyllis Tuckwell Needs Helps Filling Spiritual Care Baskets

PLEASE SEE NOTICE ON THE BOARD FOR FINER DETAILS

Could you help fill [Phyllis Tuckwell's](#) spiritual care baskets? These baskets are kept on its In-Patient Unit, where it cares for patients who are in their last days of life. They contain small, meaningful items which patients' families can take free of charge, and use to help them at this difficult time.

Some of the items in the basket are handmade, while others are bought from shops. The handmade items may be knitted, crocheted, sewn or felted, and could be in the shape of hearts, flowers or other designs.



The donated items are usually wooden or glass pebbles or hearts, or small wooden holding crosses for those with a Christian faith. "It can be a very difficult time for them and their families as they spend their last precious moments together, and having small items such as these to keep hold of when their families cannot be at their bedside can be really meaningful."

OTHER HEADLINES / CHURCH NOTICES

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...

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 Andrew for sweeping the church surrounds for Remembrance
- 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:

John Arbury, Penny Cleland, Andrew Jones, 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....

RIP – Mary White (Ashton Manor) – please pray for Mary's family at this sad time...

RIP – Ivy Skeet – please pray for Reg and their family at this very sad time of mourning

Ivy's funeral will take place at St Peter's Church at 11.30am on Thursday 14th December

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@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....

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>

• **Diocese News** - If you would like to receive news and information from the Diocese, please sign up to their [weekly parish brief](#).

LECTIONARY READINGS for Advent Sunday – Year B

First Reading: Isaiah 64.1-4

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

My brothers and sisters: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading Mark 13.24-37

Jesus said to his disciples: ²⁴In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

³⁵Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'