

News Sheet – Sunday 10th December – Second 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 Steven to the preaching team today at the 10am Parish Communion

PLEASE NOTE – THERE WILL BE AN 8AM HOLY COMMUNION & 10AM PARISH COMMUNION AS USUAL ON THE MORNING OF CHRISTMAS EVE – as well at the 4pm Crib Service and 11pm Midnight Mass.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS – If you would like to make an offering to Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please see Chris Gray.

TODAY'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 – thank you to Moira and the team!

4.30pm – Christingle – please do bring your collection boxes to be blessed and enjoy making Christingles – we will be honouring and remembering dear Ivy who, along with Reg, gave so much to the Christingle and raising funds for The Children's Society.

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

Hymns – 270 Hills of the north rejoice – 400 Long ago prophets knew - 513 On Jordan's bank 631Cm The holly and the ivy – 117 Come thou long expected Jesus

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent - Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 17th December

8am - Holy Communion

10am – Third Sunday Service for Advent 3 – with the junior nativity

6pm – Carol Service

TODAY'S MAIN NOTICES

Help needed with refreshments please – if you are able to help serve refreshments for our concerts – **Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm** and **Saturday 16th December at 3pm**, please let Jacqueline know – we have someone from Farnham Brass Band to also help

THANK YOUs - CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who worked towards making the Christmas Tree festival such a lovely occasion and for everyone who supported with decorating a tree and coming along to support. Sam and Rob took the lead and to Kathryn who helped organise the refreshment rota – and to EVERYONE who covered shifts and baked and took part. It was a lovely time of hospitality, fun and a time to catch up with old friends and to make new ones...

Thank you also to the Farnham Ukes for All Band – what a marvellous time we had listening and singing along

THANK YOUs – WREATH MAKING

We have had such a lovely time running four full sessions of wreath making where people have come along and had a special time making beautiful wreaths and enjoying the camaraderie of others – many are back for the second and third time...All 120 spaces were filled at £20 per person, and to arrange such a project takes incredible hard work and faithful commitment to the team. **THANK YOU** – to Vanda for taking care of the admin – the resources – and helping to lead a couple of sessions and to make sure we were stocked up with foliage. Thank you to Chris who supported Vanda and led sessions and also part of setting up and breaking down before and after sessions. To Rob – who was amazing in collection and sorting of foliage – taking care of tables and back scenes – and to Susan for taking care of hospitality so well and making people feel so at home. And thank you to Jenny who faithfully takes photos of this and other events for the archives.

THANK YOU – Thank you to Jim Jeffery for kindly putting up our Nativity and to Rob for setting the Christmas Tree and outside lights. This year's tree was a kind donation.

Portable Wheel Chair – a parishioner has a travel fold-up wheel chair to offer to someone who can make use of it. Please speak to Jacqueline

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! ☺

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 – 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@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 December : Large Christmas Puds – large Christmas cakes, instant custard – mince pies

- **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 the Second Sunday of Advent – Year B

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

⁶A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' ¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reading 2: - 2 Peter 3.8-15a

⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Gospel Reading – Mark 1:1-8

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight",

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'