

**News Sheet – Sunday 21st January
The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

LINK FOR THE LIVESTREAM SERVICE - <https://cofewrecclesham.org.uk/streamed-services/>

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Thank you to everyone involved in our worship today - and to those offering flowers, refreshments and hospitality – and especially David, and Jonathan as they lead our worship

TODAY'S SERVICE – 21st January

8am - Holy Communion

10.00am – Third Sunday Service for the Third Sunday of Epiphany –

Led by Jonathan, Carol and David

12pm – Holy Baptism of Theodore Mark Lucas – Please pray for Teddy and his parents and Godparents as he begins his spiritual journey within God's worldwide family.

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

Lectionary for Epiphany 3: Genesis 14.17-20; Psalm 128; Revelation 19.6-10; John 2.1-11

Hymns: 81 Brother sister let me serve you –Come to a wedding (not in book) – 575 Seek ye first– 60 Be still for the presence of the Lord –701 We have a Gospel to proclaim

The Collect for Epiphany 3 - Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 – 28th January 2024 – Candlemas (brought forward from 2nd February)

8am - Holy Communion

10am – Parish Communion for Candlemas

TODAY'S MAIN NOTICES

PCC Meeting 17th Jan - Summary – The PCC were inspired and encouraged by Jens Menkel, a Mission Enabler who led our audit reflection. Following this, the PCC – and anyone who would like to join in - will be meeting intentionally and regularly to pray and reflect on how we might seek to grow in our discipleship, stewardship and fellowship or other areas for development – dates to follow. This was followed by the PCC business meeting at which reviewed safeguarding and health and safety arrangements. The PCC then worked to set the budget for 2024, noting that the forecast shows a deficit budget. Please continued to pray for God's grace and guidance as we deal prudently and faithfully with our financial challenges. We thank Colin hugely for his hard work and diligent overseeing our financial matters.

WRECCLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP – Bourne Conservation Group are supporting the beginnings of a Wrecclesham Conservation Group – Myung Hye will be the link – and St Peter's Churchyard will be the first of their projects to get off the ground

They will be meeting at the churchyard on SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY AT 10AM – to put up bird nest boxes and pick up litter. Their long-term plan is to cut and remove all the dead branches, create log piles and composts, restore and tidy up gravestones, mend the gate and fences, provide bird feeders and possibly dig the pond at the back of the churchyard. Of course, it will be a very long term project and we require some funding from the councils.

**Forthcoming Lent Course – JESUS AND CALLING: ON THE ROAD TO EASTER – beginning
Thursdays 22nd & 29th February – 7th, 14th, 21st March**

This year's Lent Course invites us to explore our own journey with Jesus to the cross as we delve into how Jesus responded to his own call to the cross - we will watch a short DVD, read and reflect on the Gospel readings used during Lent, and share our thoughts, ending with a Lenten hymn.

There will be two sessions – 2pm at 24 Buttermer Close (Thank you Chris & Frank) – and **7.30pm** at the Vicarage, 2 Kings Lane, GU10 4PB – **there is a sign up sheet at the back of the church to get idea of numbers – you don't have to attend every session if you are unable to....**

Lent Lunches 2024 – will be held at the Vicarage, 2 Kings lane – **Wednesdays 21st Feb – 6th & 20th March 12.30 – 1.30pm** – please do join me for a sociable home-made soup lunch – **if you would like to help with some soup-making / rock cake making, please let me know** – look forward to seeing some of you...

QUIZ NIGHT IS BACK! – 7pm Saturday 2nd March - £3 per person – teams of no more than six – come as a team or individually to make up teams on the night. Bring your own nibbles and tiddle.... There will be a raffle and hot drinks/cake available at interval – **sign up sheet at back – Let Jacqueline know if you can kindly make a cake**

Junior Church – I am praying for the mobilisation of a regular monthly (at least) Junior Church – is this something you might be interested in – or do you know someone who might like to be part of this? We have a very good resource that means the planning and prepping is already done – just the delivery and a heart for the little ones – that they get the chance to develop their faith and spirituality – and have fun along the way! We do have some funding to be allocated to a part-time role (3-4 hours per week) – if this option is of interest. **Please do come and speak to me or pass on my details if anyone would like a chat about this. (07806 775974 – jackieds8@hotmail.com)** In the meantime, please pray for the revival of our Junior Church and family ministry.

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.

OTHER HEADLINES / CHURCH NOTICES

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! ☺

- To Colin for preparing and presenting our 2024 Budget – thank you for your hard work!
- To Rob – the church looks lovely and the choir seating in a great place!

PRAYERS FOR:

Jenny Emberson, John Birch, Andrew Steward, John Arbury, Penny Cleland, Andrew Jones, Gerald Martin, 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....

Rosemary Knight - Please pray too for our dear Rosemary who has moved into a new nursing home to be cared for following a fall and general frailty.

RIP – Jean Eckett (d.31.12.23) aged 91. Previously from Riverdale, Jean was in Anchorstone Care home. Please pray for daughter Jane and family as they mourn. Jean's funeral will take place 12pm Tuesday 6th February at St Peter's Church followed by a burial at Green Lane Cemetery

RIP – Sylvia Ryder (d.16.12.23) please pray for Fiona and husband Scott as they mourn...

Sylvia's funeral will take place 1pm, Thursday 1st February 2024 at Aldershot Crematorium followed by a Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving at St Peter's Church at 2.15pm – followed by refreshments in the Leverton Hall – people are most welcome to attend either/both services and the reception..

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

- **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

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 Third Sunday of Epiphany

First Reading: Genesis 14.17-20

¹⁷After Abram's return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. ¹⁹He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; ²⁰and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Second Reading: Revelation 19.6-10

⁶I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. ⁷Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; ⁸to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. ⁹And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' ¹⁰Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

Gospel Reading: John 2.1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, ¹⁰'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.