

**News Sheet – Sunday 28th January**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**  
**10am Service for Candlemas (b/f from 2<sup>nd</sup> February)**  
**YOU ARE INVITED TO BRING A CANDLE FROM HOME TO BE BLESSED ON THE ALTAR**

**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 all involved in our worship today - and to those offering flowers, refreshments and hospitality**

**TODAY'S SERVICE – 28<sup>th</sup> January**

**8am** - Holy Communion

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

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

*Lectionary for Epiphany 4: Deuteronomy 18.15–20: Ps 111: Rev 12.1 – 5a: Mark 1.21-28*

*Candlemas: Malachi 3.1-5; Ps 24.(1-6)7-10; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40*

*Hymns: 401 Longing for light – 416 Lord the light of your light is shining – 408 Lord Jesus Christ Cm 117 Come thou long expected Jesus – 16 All heav'n declares – 416 In Christ alone*

The Collect for Epiphany 4 – God, our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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 – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**8am** - Holy Communion

**10.30am** – First Sunday Service – with refreshments in church from 9.45am

**TODAY'S MAIN NOTICES**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024 – SERVICE TO BE HELD AT ST MARY'S FRENESHAM – 11am FRIDAY 1 MARCH**

Wendy Coxell and Roz Forsyth are our reps for this special service – this year's theme 'I beg you, bear with one another in love....' Please join them for the service followed by refreshments.... **(please see poster on the board)**

**Forthcoming Lent Course – JESUS AND CALLING: ON THE ROAD TO EASTER – beginning**

**Thursdays 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 tipple.... 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**



**EASTER EVE SERVICE WITH CONFIRMATIONS**  
**GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL – SAT 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 7PM**

If you would like to know more, please speak to  
Rev Jacqueline – closing date is 18<sup>th</sup> February  
This is a lovely service and will be a memorable occasion for  
anyone wanting to affirm their faith and be confirmed....

**BAPTISM AND/OR CONFIRMATION: Affirming our faith – all ages:** if you would like to consider affirming your journey of faith through Baptism and/or Confirmation, then please come and speak to Jacqueline about preparing for this very special occasion – it will be lovely to share the journey with you.... ☺ (07806 775974 / 01252 716431 –

[vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk](mailto:vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk) ) – **Confirmations also take place during the year in local churches** if this might be more preferable – either way, it will be good to talk more about next steps...

**Farnham Assist – 2024 Programme now available by the notice boards** – Farnham Assist reach out to older people who live alone or who are carers – **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...

**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](mailto: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](mailto:carolzeiher@sky.com).

## **OTHER HEADLINES / CHURCH NOTICES**

**THIS WEEK'S THANK YOUs...** T 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:**

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....

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk) or call 07901 58153 visit our website [farnham.foodbank.org.uk](http://farnham.foodbank.org.uk) or follow on Facebook [facebook.com/farnhamfoodbank](https://facebook.com/farnhamfoodbank)

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

- **Lions Fuel Appeal** - Farnham Lions, for the 12<sup>th</sup> 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

- **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**

### **The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

#### First Reading: Deuteronomy 18.15-20

Moses spoke to the people; he said: <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die.'

#### *Psalm 111*

#### Second Reading: Revelation 12.1-5a

<sup>1</sup>A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. <sup>2</sup>She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. <sup>3</sup>Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. <sup>4</sup>His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. <sup>5</sup>And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron.

#### Gospel Reading: Mark 1.21-28

<sup>21</sup>The disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

### **Readings for Candlemas – (brought forward from 2<sup>nd</sup> February)**

#### First Reading – Malachi 3:1-5 (966)

Thus says the Lord God: <sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup>Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Gospel Reading - Luke 2.22-40 (p,1033)

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons".

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you now dismiss your servant in peace.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all people,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.