

**News Sheet – Sunday 4th February
The Second Sunday before Lent**

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 – 4th February

8am - Holy Communion

10.30am – Second Sunday before Lent – with refreshments in church from 9.45am

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

Lectinary: Proverbs 8.1, 22-31, Ps 104.26-35, Colossians 1.15-20, John 1.1-14

Hymns: 536 O worship the king; (*recorded/on screen*) Light of the world; 458 Name of all Majesty; Cm 1 Abba Father; 306 Immortal, invisible

The Collect for the Second Sunday before Lent – Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 11th February 2024

8am - Holy Communion

10.00am – Parish Communion– with refreshments in church afterwards

4.30pm – Refresh with Pancake Races! – short, relaxed worship – craft and refreshments, led by Jonathan, Carol and David

TODAY'S MAIN NOTICES

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – 14th February, 7pm - Service for Ash Wednesday with the Imposition of Ashes

THANK YOU – To Jim Jeffery for his kind sourcing of a new St George's flag to replace our storm damaged flag – thank you so much..

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 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 tipples.... 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 30TH MARCH, 7PM**

**If you would like to know more, please speak to
Rev Jacqueline – closing date is 18th 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) – **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)** 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! ☺

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 6th February at St Peter's Church followed by a burial at Green Lane Cemetery**

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

- **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 Second Sunday before Lent

First Reading: Proverbs 8.1,22-31

1Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? 22The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Second Reading - Colossians 1.15-20

15Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Reading: John:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.