

News Sheet – Sunday 17th March 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent – St Patrick's Day

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Thank you to all involved in our worship today - and to those offering refreshments and hospitality

Today - The annual briefing for Sides Persons will be on Sunday - after the 10am service.

Please bring through our coffees after the service and meet for about 15 minutes. This is an opportunity to hear updates and to raise any queries. Updated guidance will be available at the meeting and emailed out afterwards. **Please do try and attend this briefing in the spirit of solidarity and support for the sterling work Sally & Rob do to keep this side of our church life ticking over safely and securely.**

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

Sandy would like some readers for Palm Sunday's Litany of the Passion – please do have a word with her if she doesn't ask you first.... ☺

EASTER SERVICES – the timings are on the notice board

EASTER PRAYER STATION – thank you Kathryn, please take time if you would like to reflect more through Lent...

EASTER TRAIL – a lovely booklet that invites us to take an Easter Trail Walk from home – thank you again, Kathryn

FARNHAM GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

The Good Friday Walk of Witness around the centre of Farnham will take place again this year, starting as usual from Hart car park at 1200 midday. It concludes with prayers and a hymn in St Andrew's churchyard before 1pm.

EASTER BONNETS

This isn't a tradition that is taking off here at St Peter's (but I love it! ☺) so I will put the notice in hope anyway! Please do bring your bonnet on Easter Sunday as we celebrate – a little walk up the aisle after the service in the spirit of Easter fun! You can buy cheap kits etc at Poundland – or put some ribbon on an old hat that can be spruced up – children and grown ups alike – all welcome! ☺

EASTER DAY NOTICE FROM DAVID – NOISY INSTRUMENTS/IMPLEMENTS!

David would like to hear a joyful and clanging noise to accompany the organ on Easter Morn! Please do bring your instruments / implements to make noise – an Easter Egg for the most impressive!

IMPORTANT ADMIN NOTICES

MAGAZINE NOTICE

If you usually pick up your parish magazine from the church, and you haven't already paid your 2024 subscription, would you please either give Sue Davies your £6 sub or, if it's easier for you, use the payment machine in church. With many thanks to everyone who has already done so.

FROM CHRIS WILKES, Parish Administrator

The Electoral Roll is being revised prior to the April APCM – this is a register that we join when we choose to call St Peter's Church our 'spiritual home and church family'. **Please contact Chris Wilkes/Jacqueline by Saturday 16th March** if you would like to be added. If your name is already on the list, you don't need to do anything.

NEW PCC MEMBERS

SAVE THE DATE! Our APCM will be held on Sunday 14th April after the 10am service where we will be electing officers and reflecting and reporting on how things have gone throughout 2023 – and celebrating being a lovely church family and faithful witness to the Lord in Wrecclesham...

If anyone would like to consider being a member of the PCC – please do speak to any current member / Jacqueline to find out more about what it involves. Meetings are held bi-monthly and we are an amicable and supportive PCC – and between us prayerfully and practically help steer the church by taking care of the business of the day – the finances and fabric – and the spiritual life of St Peter's as a whole.

TODAY'S SERVICE – 17th March 2024

8am - Holy Communion

10.00am – Third Sunday Service (Non-Communion) followed by refreshments in the hall

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

Lectinary (for 8am): Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 51.1-13; Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33

Readings for 10am Service – Acts 16.6-10; Matthew 28.16-20; John 12.20-33

Hymns: Intro: 81 Brother sister let me serve you; 64 Be thou my vision; 368 Just as I am; 605 Take my life; 60 Be still for the presence; 288 I cannot tell

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

The Collect for St Patrick

Almighty God, in your providence you chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle to the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of you: Grant us so to walk in that way that we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 24th March 2024

8am - Holy Communion

10.00am – Liturgy of the Palms and Liturgy of the Passion (with Communion)

OTHER NOTICES

CHRISTIAN AID HAMPER APPEAL – To compensate for lack of leaflet collections, Andrew Jones has proposed we make a springtime hamper to raffle in order to donate to Christian Aid Week 2024 – **WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR HAMPER DONATIONS TO BUILD UP OUR HAMPER** – we will leave a box at the back of the church on Sundays – and you can deliver to the vicarage garage during the week – tickets will go on sale after Easter - thank you so much!

JIGSAW PUZZLING – CALLING ALL PUZZLERS TO MAKE UP JIGSAWS FOR OCTOBER FESTIVAL! – We would like to start gathering made-up puzzles to display for the bi-annual October Festival – 19/20th October – there are lots of puzzles to choose from in the vicarage garage – and boards will be available – **thank you so much!**

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER – Lent and Easter...

Easter Trail for Families – and anyone who would like to walk through the Easter Story **Thank you so much to Kathryn** for putting together this lovely Easter Trail – beginning at home the trail includes a visit to the church – and a chocolate egg at the end! Booklets will be available...

Lent Course– beginning 2pm Thursdays 22nd & 29th February – 7th, 14th, 21st March
at 24 Buttermer Close (Thank you Chris & Frank) — **you don't have to attend every session....**

Easter Lilies – If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one, please kindly give your donation to Chris Gray, with your loved one's name(s) and we will have an 'In memory' list by the chancel display. Of course, if you would rather not have the name listed, please do say....

HEALING SERVICE FOR PALM SUNDAY – 6PM, Sunday 24th March – please see notice board for details of this gentle and what we hope is a calming and hopeful service as we seek God's wholeness and peace.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – LOOKING AHEAD!

- **Saturday 8th June** – BARN DANCE AT ST PETER'S CHURCH!
- **Tuesday 18th June** – Rowledge Community Choir Summer Concert in aid of the Dan Eley Foundation (it's a lovely repertoire!)
- **Sunday 28th July** – St Peter's Songs of Praise – back by popular demand, we sing our favourite hymns with refreshments at the interval...
- **Saturday 14th September** – Last Night at the Proms is back! – bring your proms hampers as we enjoy local music for first half & then livestream the finale of the Last Night at the Proms from the Albert Hall – more info to follow

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! ☺

- To **Rob** who has taken over from Steven as member of our Techy Team – **well done Rob!**
- **To Steven** – THANK YOU SO MUCH for being a faithful part of the techy team these past years – you can now enjoy being part of the choir – your happiest place!
- **Thank you** again to Steven for covering the Techy and Intercession rotas – and to Kathryn for the locking rota – to Sue for the coffee rota - and to our dear Gerald Martin for the very detailed combined rota that includes all the task for leading Sunday worship – what a blessing to have people who help keep St Peter's ticking over so efficiently....

PRAYERS FOR:

Margaret Jeffery, Beryl Tate, Jenny Emberson, Andrew Steward, 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....

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](https://www.facebook.com/farnhamfoodbank)

GENERAL NOTICES

- **Lions Fuel Appeal** – help available to contribute towards challenging fuel bills – please see Jacqueline or visit Farnham Town Council website (under grants)
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) to Farnham Lions Club, 45 Edward Road, GU9 8NP
- **Diocese News** - If you would like to receive news and information from the Diocese, please sign up to their [weekly parish brief](#).

LECTIONARY READINGS

Readings for St Patrick's Day – Acts 16.6-10 - Paul's Vision of the Man of Macedonia

⁶ Paul and his companions travelled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter

Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. ⁸ So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 - The Commissioning of the Disciples

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

The Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins (8am readings)

First Reading Jeremiah 31.31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 51.1-13

Second Reading: Hebrews 5.5-10

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,
 'You are my Son,
 today I have begotten you';

⁶as he says also in another place,
 'You are a priest for ever,
 according to the order of Melchizedek.'

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel reading: John 12.20-33 (for Passiontide)

²⁰Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

²⁷'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' ³⁰Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.