

## News Sheet – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Palm Sunday

**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 as we enter into Holy Week - and to those offering refreshments and hospitality**

Penny Cleland RIP – It is with a heavy heart I bring the sad news that Penny died peacefully earlier this week with Chris and her family around her – we trust Penny to God's care and eternal rest and pray for the comfort and solace for Chris, Lucy, Sam and the family at this time... RIP dear Penny – funeral details will follow....

### **Today - PALM SUNDAY SERVICE**

**Thank you so much to Gerald for preparing our church for Palm Sunday, and for providing our palm crosses – and to Sandy for directing our Passion narrative, and to all readers who will take part...**

Please take your seat tomorrow and then gather in the hall for us to begin our small procession as we celebrate the Litany of the Palms – **please do take a cross for anyone you know who would appreciate a palm cross.**

**6PM THIS EVENING - HEALING SERVICE FOR PALM SUNDAY** – 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.

### **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!

## **NOTICES**

### **NEW PIANO**

Over recent months, our dear piano has slowly been declining in that more and more notes are becoming unplayable and with the spares now being obsolete to repair, it has become increasingly difficult for David and others to play.

**We have been blessed by generous benefactors** who have purchased for us a 'new' second-hand grand piano – with a beautiful tone that will be in good working order for at least 25 years to come. Thank you to David who is arranging the removal of our old piano and the installation of the new – and we look forward to hearing David play for us on the new piano, and we thank God - through our benefactors – for their generosity of spirit...

**We thank God also for the generosity of whoever graced St Peter's with our current piano and we will bless it and give thanks for its service and beautiful music throughout the years...**

### **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** "The Electoral Roll has been revised and the list of names (no other personal data) is published on the PCC noticeboard near the Organ"

### **NEW PCC MEMBERS**

**SAVE THE DATE!** Our APCM will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**8am** - Holy Communion

**10.00am** – Palm Sunday – Litany of the Palms and Passion - followed by refreshments in the hall

**Readings & Hymns:** There are **Pew Bibles** available to browse/follow the readings at the back of church  
*Lectionary (for 8am):* Isaiah 50.4-9a; Ps 118.1-2, 19-24; Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 14.1-15.47  
*Liturgy of the Palms* – John 12:12-16 *Liturgy of the Passion* - Mark 14.1-15.47

*Hymns:* 13 All glory laud and honour; 649 The royal banners forward to; 175 Servant King; 642 There is a green hill far away; 567 Ride on, ride on in majesty

#### The Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 – Easter Day**

**6.30am** – Sunrise Service – a short service of light in the vicarage garden: 2, Kings Lane – with optional hot cross buns – chocolate – and a cuppa afterwards!

**8am** - Holy Communion

**10.00am** – Service of Celebration for Easter – don't forget your noisy instruments / bonnets if you are making one!

## **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 – 19/20<sup>th</sup> 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...

**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....

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY – LOOKING AHEAD!**

- **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June** – BARN DANCE AT ST PETER'S CHURCH!
- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Rowledge Community Choir Summer Concert in aid of the Dan Eley Foundation (it's a lovely repertoire!)
- **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July** – St Peter's Songs of Praise – back by popular demand, we sing our favourite hymns with refreshments at the interval...
- **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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](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...** 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 the **Messy Church team** for a wonderful Messy Church last Sunday – around 60 children and their families came along to journey towards easter and to share hot food and fellowship... Thank you LIZZY, Nicky, Vanda, Jonathan and Shirley, David, Carol, Eddy and Pat, Rob, Emma and Carolyn and Felix...

### **PRAYERS FOR:**

Reg Skeet, Margaret Jeffery, Beryl Tate, Jenny Emberson, Andrew Steward, 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** – Penny Cleland

**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://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](#).

### **Lecionary Readings**

**First Reading** *Isaiah 50.4-9a*

The servant of the LORD said:

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he awakens –  
awakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.  
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
All of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

*Psalm 118. 1-2, 19-24*

**Second Reading** *Philippians 2.5-11*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death –  
even death on a cross.  
  
<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel Reading** *Mark 14.1-15.47- Pew Bible page 1024*