

News Sheet – Sunday 31st March 2024 – Easter Day

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Thank you to all involved in our worship today as we enter into Holy Week - and to those offering refreshments and hospitality

Reg Skeet RIP – It is with a heavy heart I bring the sad news that Reg died peacefully yesterday afternoon – we trust Reg to God's care and eternal rest and pray for the comfort and solace for Ruth, Kate, Michael and their families at this time... RIP dear Reg

Today – Easter Sunday Service

Flowers – Thank you so much to Chris and the team – Jill, Jessica, (pedestal by front pillar and window sills) Jenny (pulpit), Hazel (chancel pedestal) and Wendy W (baptism font) for our beautiful and glorious flowers including magnificent Easter lilies – and to Chris for preparing the Easter Garden and flowers in the Lady Chapel. There were donations towards the lilies in memory of loved ones – we remember them...

Thank you so much to Gerald and Lizzy for preparing our chancel – **and to Rob** for tidying and preparing the church for today's service – and to the brass cleaners, **Chris and Sam**.
(We missed the usual pre-Easter church clean-up – a springtime date will be announced soon)

Thank you to David – for our wonderful music during Lent and in anticipation of our Easter Service music today – we are very blessed with David and Jonathan – and to the choir for supporting our worship singing.

We look forward to Easter-morn noises to accompany the organ heralding in Easter Day – and hopefully, some Easter Bonnets!

There will be no refreshments after the service this week...

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...

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 – 31st March 2024

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!

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

Lectionary: Acts 10.34-43; Ps 118.1-2,14-24; 1 Cor 15.1-11; Mark 16.1-8

Hymns: 339 Jesus Christ is risen today – 9 Alleluia, alleluia give thanks – 431 Love's redeeming work is done – 408 Lord Jesus Christ you have come to me – 650 Thine be the glory

The Collect for Easter Sunday

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 7th April

8am - Holy Communion

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

12pm – Holy Baptism

OTHER NOTICES

Harriet Lanyon, Manager of Farnham Foodbank, has asked me to circulate this notice to you all in case you think it might be of interest to anyone in your congregations. She says that Farnborough Foodbank is struggling to recruit a new project manager. Vacancy details are as follows:

Foodbank Manager Vacancy!

We seek a foodbank manager to join our staff team for an exciting new post leading Farnborough Foodbank (part of the Trussell Trust). Based out of our Aldershot warehouse. 37.5 hours a week £30k pa. (We are also open to applications over 24 hours a week)

Are you passionate about tackling hunger and supporting those in need? Are you good with people and detail? Does your love for Jesus motivate you to action? Are you a visionary leader who wants to make a difference in people's lives? This job is for you.

For more information, or to apply go to <https://www.parishofcove.org.uk/foodbank-manager/>. For an informal chat about the role please contact anne@coveparish.church. Closing date 15th April 2024.

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!**

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

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...

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:

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 – Reg Skeet, Penny Cleland (A Service of Thanksgiving for Penny's life will take place at 1pm on Monday 15th April at St Peter's Church)

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](#).

Lecionary Readings

First Reading Acts 10: 34-43 (Pew Bible p.1108)

³⁴Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 (Pew Bible p.1148)

¹I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Gospel Reading Mark 16.1-8 (1028)

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.^[a]