

News Sheet – Sunday 7th April 2024 – The Second Sunday of Easter

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 refreshments and hospitality

NOTICES

NEXT WEEK - IF YOU HAVE ANY **OLD CHURCH COMMUNITY PHOTOS** – PLEASE DO BRING THEM ALONG – **NEXT WEEK WE WILL BE CELEBRATING OUR CHURCH FAMILY – ST PETER’S & ST TIMOTHY’S – PAST & PRESENT...** 😊

APCM – SUNDAY 14TH APRIL - Our APCM will be held next week 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.

Rowledge (handbell) Ringers – will be ringing for us next week, Sunday 14th April – before and after the service – thank you to Moira and the team....

THANK YOUs were given last week, but I just wanted to reiterate a grateful bravo to all who made Lent and Easter so special - to Sandy for her ministry – David and the choir – Chris and the team for flowers – prayer stations and trail (Kathryn) – the sanctuary party (Gerald and Lizzy and the team) - liturgical array of the chancel and altar (Gerald and Lizzy) – the sidespeople, techs, intercessors and readers for the special services - the Lent course / hosting of the course (Chris and Frank) – Messy Church (Jonathan & Shirley – Vanda, Lizzy A, Nicky, Eddie & Pat, Kathryn, David & Rob & Sam) – Sue and the team for refreshments – and our Easter Day service with glorious music – craft - Easter eggs – and Easter bonnets! And to all who came along it was lovely to see you...

TODAY’S SERVICE – 7th April

8am - Holy Communion

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

12pm – Holy Baptism

Readings & Hymns: There are **Pew Bibles** available to browse/follow the readings at the back of church
Lectionary: Acts 4.32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1.1-2.2; John 20.19-31

Hymns: 683 to God be the glory – 356 Jesus stand among us – 344 Jesus is Lord – 541 Peace, perfect peace – 310 In Christ alone

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 – 14th April

8am - Holy Communion

10.00am – Parish Communion – followed by refreshments in the hall

11.30am – St Peter’s Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

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! **Tickets are now on sale – see poster**
- **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:

Beryl Tate, 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 – we give thanks for the lives of Penny and Reg, and we hold their families on our hearts and in our prayers...

Funeral

Penny - A Service of Thanksgiving for Penny will take place at 1pm on Monday 15th April at St Peter's Church
Reg – A Service of Thanksgiving and Commendation in loving memory for Reg will take place at 12pm on Friday 3rd May 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 4.32-35 (Pew Bible p.1101)

³²The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Second Reading – 1 John 1.1-2.2 (Pew Bible 1227)

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel reading: John 20.19-31 (Pew Bible 1094)

¹⁹When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'