

## News Sheet – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – The Sixth 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 flowers, refreshments and hospitality
- A special thank you to Chris G and Hazel S for the lovely floral tributes that were made in honour of Reg...
- Thank you to Wendy Coxell for the lovely table she donated to St Peter's – you can see it situated under the Book of Remembrance

**BAPTISM** – Today we welcome Theodore **Today we welcome 7 month Theodore Thomas Lainton-Beesley** who will be baptised today in a service following our main service – we pray for Theo and his parents Phoebe and Jonathan and Godparents, along with his wider family and friends that God's love will surround them and that Theo will be filled with the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus our Lord today and always ...

### NOTICES

**Jim Read** I am very sad to let you know that Jim Read died peacefully on Thursday morning at Tilford Care Home where he was a resident. Some of you will remember Jim, and his sister Janet who sadly died in 2019 – they leave behind a brother Michael, who still lives in Burnt Hill Close and is looked after by carers and kind neighbours. We pray for Michael and give thanks for Jim's gentle life and thank the Lord that he will be reunited with his beloved sister and family members who he missed very much.... *May the soul of Jim and the souls of all faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.*

**ASCENSION DAY SERVICE – 7PM THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY** – falling forty days after Easter and ten days before Pentecost – this Eucharist Service marks the ascending of Jesus to sit at the right hand of God the Father after giving instructions to his disciples to make their way to Jerusalem to pray and wait for the Holy Spirit.... It will be lovely to worship with the sun going down and the beautiful west window – with its depiction of the Ascension as its centre window – hopefully being illuminated by the setting sun in a cloudless sky ☺

**David** will be on holiday for the next couple of Sundays ☺ – back with us on 26<sup>th</sup> May. Jonathan will kindly be playing for us next Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May – and we will have St Martin's Choir music – that we used so well during lockdown – for 19<sup>th</sup> May as we were unable to secure an organist.

**David – have a lovely holiday – and a Happy Birthday (12<sup>th</sup>) along the way! ☺**

**MESSY CHURCH** – has been postponed from Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June – watch this space...

**Raffle Tickets for the Christian Aid Hamper** – it's not too late to add to the hamper and the tickets will be on sale until we draw the raffle at the close of Christian Aid week – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. – please do support our endeavours to support Christian Aid this year – the focus this year is 'Pushing back against poverty' ....

**BARN DANCE TIME!** – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June – PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE – please see poster for information – and see ROB FOR TICKETS.... This is a church fundraiser – please help us to raise funds – and have a really good-fun evening along the way – thank you so much....

**Bottles & cans wanted for Wrecclesham Fair, 9<sup>th</sup> july** – spirits, wine, beer, lager or soft drinks for **St Peter's Tombola** – donations to 45, Echo Barn Lane or The Vicarage Garage, 2 Kings Lane – or call 07979 852726 for collections – please leave name/address/telephone number with any donations – **Your support is much appreciated....**

**Jigsaws (for October's jigsaw festival)** – a reminder that we will now be collecting completed jigsaws – please put them in the Vicarage garage or church or let us know if you would like them collected. Puzzles are available in the garage. Please speak to Jacqueline/Rob if you need any help... **Thank you for your support..**

### Forthcoming dates

- **CHURCH & GROUNDS CLEAN-UP** – from 9am Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June – please come and contribute as you would like – all welcome and
- **BARN DANCE - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Tickets** (limited numbers) are now on sale from Rob Durrant – please see poster
- **SUMMER CONCERT - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Rowledge Community Choir Summer Concert – Any donations in aid of the Dan Eley Foundation – please see notice board... (it's a lovely repertoire!)

### TODAY'S SERVICE – 5<sup>th</sup> May

8am - Holy Communion

10.30am – First Sunday Service for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Readings & Hymns:** There are **Pew Bibles** available to browse/follow the readings at the back of church *Lectionary*. – Acts 10.44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17

*Hymns:* 86 Christ is made the sure foundation; 34 A new commandment; 340 Will you come and follow me; 40 Cm: As the deer pants for the water; 428 Love divine all loves excelling

The Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**8am** - Holy Communion

**10.00am** – Parish Communion – with refreshments in the hall afterwards

### **OTHER NOTICES**

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

- **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm** – Parish high-tea at the vicarage – sandwiches, scones, cake and tea – please bring your own glass and tippie if you would like a little summer tippie... ☺
- **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...
- **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August** – St Peter's Tea Tent at Music in the Meadow, Gostrey Park
- **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

**Farnham Assist – 2024 Programme now available by the notice boards** – Farnham Assist reach out to older people who live alone or who are carers

**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).

**THIS WEEK'S THANK YOUs... T** 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 Susan Barker for tidying up the church grounds beautifully – the wall and surrounds look lovely...
- Wrecclesham Conservation – we thank them for their session today – bird boxes checked, overgrown grave plots being restored to tidy order and so much more – the grounds were alive with various flora and fauna, and butterflies and slow worms and other creepy crawlies who live alongside our dear departed...
- For all who worked to make Reg's funeral service so uplifting and special – and thank you to Rob and Sam for so much chair-moving and tidying up during the very busy time of some large extra services at St Peter's...

#### **PRAYERS FOR:**

Andrew Jones, Beryl Tate, Andrew Steward, 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** – Jim Read - we hold Jim's brother Michael on our hearts and in our prayers...

**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 BASKET IS 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)

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

- **Diocese News** - If you would like to receive news and information from the Diocese, please sign up to their [weekly parish brief](#).

### **Lecionary Readings – 5<sup>th</sup> May for the Sixth Sunday of Easter –**

#### First Reading – Acts 10.44-48 (Pew Bible p.1108)

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

#### Second Reading - 1 John 5:1-6 (Pew Bible p. 1232)

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

#### Gospel reading: John 15.9-17 (Pew Bible p.1088)

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>9</sup>'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'