

News Sheet – Sunday 23rd June 2024 – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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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 Chris for the beautiful flowers this week – and to the refreshment host this week for their generous hospitality...

NOTICES

A note from Rev Jacqueline: Hope for Tomorrow: Part 3 – We will be paying some attention to the financial life of St Peter's during July. This has arisen through the PCC honouring our collective commitment to work with the Diocese who are supporting us through this season.

I will be saying more tomorrow and next week – but the plan is that we will use **Sunday 30th June as a starting date** where we will all receive some updated information and an invitation to review our financial commitment to St Peter's and to consider whether we are able to give a little more each month / sign up to a regular monthly donation via the Parish Giving Scheme if we don't do already / consider leaving a legacy to St Peter's – and of course, to pray for the flourishing of the life of our church and church family, spiritually, practically and socially.

We hope to have responses back by Thursday 18th July and we will use our Songs of Praise event on 28th July to celebrate and give thanks and to celebrate the blessing of our beautiful church and for our church life together and the richness of spiritual and social fellowship that it brings.

I trust you know by now that we are invited simply to do our best – whatever that might be for each person. Financial giving is much appreciated and much needed, but generosity of heart, time and talent is always valued and a blessing too. We give back to God what God has graciously given to us, and how each of us lives that out is for our own understanding. All things financial are treated in utmost confidence and known only to our Treasurer and Stewardship Secretary, Colin Durrant. Please do be in touch with me or Colin to talk further if you would like to.

Rowledge Community Choir Summer Concert – Thank you to everyone who helped Carolyn Eley and her team set up / serve refreshments / clear up – it was a full house, lovely music and social gathering – with a wonderful £1,325 raised for the Dan Eley Foundation. 100% of money raised will be going to a local school so that youngsters can now afford the challenge and opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

CHURCH SERVICE 14TH JULY – Historically, we have held a Tent Service, but due to a change in timings and procedures we will now **hold our church service at St Peter's as usual – BUT THERE WILL BE NO REFRESHMENTS SO THAT WE CAN PREPARE FOR THE FETE** – looking forward to seeing you at the Tea Tent – the Bottle Tombola – and buying your tickets at the Grand Raffle stand! 😊

HELP NEEDED AT THE TEA TENT - WRECCLESHAM FETE – SUNDAY 14TH JULY – Message from Kathryn – 'Can you give an hour (or more) to help with the tea tent at the Wrecclesham fete on July 14th? We are a little short of assistance at the moment, and we need people to take money as well as serve; it is not just "women's work"! Please contact Kathryn if you can help out. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Bottles & cans wanted for Wrecclesham Fair, 14th 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 19/20th 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

- **ST PETER'S SONGS OF PRAISE CELEBRATION - Sunday 28th July at 6pm** – PLEASE START GETTING YOUR TOP 3 HYMN CHOICES TO DAVID IN PREPARATION - Once again, we will be singing our favourite hymns – with a final countdown during the second half – I wonder if it will be the same as last year? 😊 (see poster on the notice board – voting slips will be at the back of church or email David – brace419@btinternet.com)
- **LAST NIGHT AT THE PROMS – Saturday 14th September** – Bring your nibbles and tipples and enjoy some local music for the first half – refreshment interval – followed by a livestreaming of the **Last night of the Proms from the Royal Albert Hall** – a wonderful evening of pomp and ceremony!

TODAY'S SERVICE – 23rd June

8am - Holy Communion

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

Readings & Hymns: There are **Pew Bibles** available to browse/follow the readings at the back of church
Lectionary: 1 Samuel 17:(1a,4-11, 19-23),32-49; Psalm 9:9-20; 2 Corinthians 6.1-13; Mark 4.35-41
(the Old Testament reading has been changed from Job 38.1-11)

Hymns: 134 Eternal Father strong to save – 675 Through all the changing scenes of life – 315 In Heavenly love abiding – 40 Cm As the dear part for the water – 550 Praise my soul the king of heaven

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you our ruler and guide, we may pass through things temporal, that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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 – 30th June

8am - Holy Communion

10.00am – Parish Communion for St Peter's Day Patronal Festival (b/f from 29th June) – with refreshments in the hall afterwards. We will be welcoming Rev David Senior who will be preaching for us.

OTHER NOTICES

BIBLE STUDY DAY – Learning from Luke – Saturday 7th September, St Andrew's Goldsworth Park

A study day with Professor Steve Walton, Senior Research Fellow in New Testament at Trinity College Bristol. The day will equip you with knowledge, tools and approaches to help you understand Luke's Gospel more fully – ideal for preachers and people who would like to go deeper into their understanding of Luke's Gospel... **Click on the link to book....** [Book Learning from Luke study day](#)

DATES FOR THE DIARY – LOOKING AHEAD

- **Sunday 28th July** – St Peter's Songs of Praise – back by popular demand, we sing our favourite hymns with refreshments at the interval...
- **Sunday 18th August** – St Peter's Tea Tent at Music in the Meadow, Gostrey Park
- **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

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.

THIS WEEK'S THANK YOUs... Please see above – and 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:

Rob Gilroy, Andrew Jones, Beryl Tate, 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: Peter Watkins – we give thanks for Peter's contribution to Wrecclesham community through the History Project and local maps of Wrecclesham displayed at the Alms Houses and bus stop at the top of School Hill. We also give thanks for the keeping of our Book of Remembrance for many years....

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 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 –

FOR JUNE: Tinned carrots and peas – UHT juice and puddings such as Angel Delight and Mousse and jelly – children’s suntan lotion - Toothbrushes

- **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

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 –23rd June – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: 1 Samuel 17:(1a,4-11, 19-23),32-49 (Pew Bible p.284) *The story of David and Goliath*

7 Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armoured with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver’s beam, and his spear’s head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, ‘Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.’ And the Philistine said, ‘Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together.’ When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. David rose early in the morning, left someone in charge of the sheep, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.] David said to Saul, ‘Let no one’s heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.’ Saul said to David, ‘You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.’ But David said to Saul, ‘Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.’ David said, ‘The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.’ So Saul said to David, ‘Go, and may the Lord be with you!’

38 Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul’s sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, ‘I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.’ So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd’s bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

41 The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, ‘Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?’ And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, ‘Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.’ But David said to the Philistine, ‘You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord’s and he will give you into our hand.’

48 When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6.1-13; (Pew Bible p.1164)

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, ‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way:

through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Gospel reading: Mark 4.35-41 (Pew Bible p.1011)

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'