

News Sheet

Sunday 25 August 2024 – The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 1st September – The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 8th Sunday – The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Rev Jacqueline will be on leave from Thursday 29th August until Thursday 12th September.

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 our flower team (Wendy W) for the beautiful flowers this week and to the refreshment hosts this week for their generous hospitality...

Thank you to all who make up our worship team for this Sunday's service – we are blessed...

Today we welcome Harriet Lanyon from Farnham Assist who will be updating us at the 10am Service

Notices

THANK YOU: Try and Trust Appeal

Thank you Colin for your hard work in preparing, distributing letters and all that followed on from the Try and Trust part of our Hope for Tomorrow vision.

Here is a summary thus far:

- There were 11 replies to the return forms that we sent out, mostly written but some verbal.
- Parish Giving Scheme – the average accumulated monthly donation of £2,444 per month - £29,228 per year (including gift-aid), increased to £2,738 per month (including gift-aid) - £32,856 per year. We also had two new parishioners paying into the PGS.
- Colin also confirmed an uplift in our Just Giving and Goodbox donations - In June both of these sites showed amounts of £46. In July and after the appeal, the Goodbox increased to £121 and Just Giving increased to £273.
- Finally, we had donations specifically for 'Try and Trust' of £75 which has been gift-aided to become £100.

Overall, people have responded as they are able and we are thankful for the new people signing up to Parish Giving Scheme - to those who have increased their payments - and to those who are responding through one-off donations – and thank you so much to everyone for your prayers and participation and ongoing giving of time, talent and funds to St Peter's church and mission.... **Please do speak to Colin if you have any questions or thoughts...**

THANK YOUs – Gostrey Meadow Tea Tent – the afternoon went really well with good weather, good bank and everyone in good spirits and wanting to enjoy tea and cake! It was very busy – thank you to everyone who came along, and especially **thank you so much to those who helped** prep - set up - serve - and finish off - Kathryn, Rob, Sam, Wendy C, Lyn, Beverley and June - bravo! Thanks Kathryn and Wendy for setting up and to those who helped clear away – many hands make light work.... 😊

Thank you so much to the wonderful cake-makers - Sue, Lizzy, June, Beverley, Sam, Kathryn, Wendy W, Chris W, Jill, Jeffrey West, Roz and Lyn - we were left with a few small cakes which found a good home

I am delighted to report that from some cake and tea – and a few hours of hard work, we raised an amazing £648 ! 😊 (that is a lot of cake and tea at £3 a go! People also gave more, so thank you hugely!

Forthcoming dates

Heritage Open Days in Farnham, 6-15 September & MUST be booked in advance – organised by the National Trust Farnham has many varied activities on offer – walks, talks and access to interesting buildings, all presented by Farnham TC and Farnham Heritage Society.

The topic this year is 'Routes, Connections and Networks' – **Full details and coloured brochure available from the Town Council offices and public buildings around town. Or website**

www.farnhamsociety.org.uk/hods/2024 **Please see notice board for a fuller description....**

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!

PLEASE LET VANDA KNOW HOW MANY PLACES YOU WOULD LIKE – NUMBERS WILL BE RESTRICTED FOR THIS POPULAR EVENT

New! - QUIZ NIGHT – WITH HARVEST SUPPER! 7PM SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER

Chicken Casserole & french bread with ice-cream to follow - bring your own tipples and nibbles – soft drinks available.

TICKETS - Adults £12 - Children £5 – Family £30 - All funds for Step by Step & Seeds for Development

Tickets from Rob on Sundays after 10am Service or - Tel/text: 07990 706385 or

churchwarden@cofewrecclesham.org.uk

TODAY'S SERVICE – 25 August

8am - Holy Communion – *Traditional language/no hymns*

10am – Parish Communion – with refreshments in the church afterwards

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

Lectionary: 1 Kings 8 [1, 6, 10-11] 22-30, 41-43 ; Ps 84; Eph 6:10-20; John 6:56-60

Hymns: 36 Angel voices ever singing; 281 How shall I sing that majesty; Christ is made the sure foundation; 67 Cm Blessed Assurance; 273 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty

The Collect for Trinity 13 – Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 – 1 September -

8am - Holy Communion – *Traditional language/no hymns* – President: Revd Tara Hellings from Parish of Crondall

10.30am – First Sunday Service – with refreshments in the church beforehand – *President: Revd Sandy*

Lectionary: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9, 14-18; Psalm 15; James 1:1-17-end; Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15:21-23

Hymns: 51 Awake, awake: fling off the night; 403 Lord for the years; 6 All creatures of our God and King; 41 As we are gathered; 754 You shall go out with joy.

The Collect for Trinity 14

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

SUNDAY SERVICE – 8 September

8am - Holy Communion – *Traditional language/no hymns* - President: Revd Tara Hellings from Parish of Crondall

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

Lectionary: Isaiah 35.4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2.1-10, [11-13] 14-17; Mark 7.24-end

Hymns: 19 All my hope; 306 Immortal, invisible; 54 Beauty for brokenness; 495 O let the Son of God enfold you; 401 Christ be our light.

The Collect for Trinity 15

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

OTHER NOTICES

YOUTH ALPHA – 28 August – 4 & 11 September – 6.30-8pm in Leverton Hall/Church – there are posters and invitations if you know anyone who might like to come along – **thank you to Emily Kingham is leading alongside Carol and Jacqueline** – pizza is on the menu! 😊 **Please continue to pray for this course, that our young people be drawn to come along and explore life's big questions in the light of the Christian Faith...**

St Peter's School is looking to recruit a Foundation Governor to join them as they seek to bring the best school-life experience to our children. This is a volunteer role and if you are interested to discuss the role with a current governor or to know more, please do see the poster on the notice board with information and contact details - please email: info@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk

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..**

DATES FOR THE DIARY – LOOKING AHEAD

- **Saturday 14th September** – Last Night at the Proms is back!
- **Saturday 5th October** – Quiz Night - with harvest supper

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... 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:

Pamela Chynoweth (Margaret J's sister); 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 4th August: Graham Thorpe – we pray for Geoff, brothers Ian and Alan and their families, wife Amanda, daughters Emma & Kitty and for all the family at this very sad and difficult time as they mourn...

RIP 17th August – Alan Furlonger (Father and in-law of parishioner Tony & Zoe Furlonger) We pray for Julie and all who mourn at this time..

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....

GENERAL NOTICES

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

Urgent : Instant mash; Tinned rice pudding and custard; Tinned tomatoes; Toilet paper

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

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

Lectionary Readings – 25 August – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8 (Pew Bible p.356)

Dedication of the Temple

8 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion.

6 Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim.

10 And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, **11** so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

Solomon's Prayer of Dedication

22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. **23** He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, **24** the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. **25** Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." **26** Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

27 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! **28** Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; **29** that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. **30** Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

41 'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name **42**—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, **43** then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Second Reading – Ephesians 6.10-20 – (Pew Bible p.1180)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Gospel Reading: John 6.56-69 (Pew Bible p.1075)

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, ‘This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?’ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, ‘Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, ‘For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.’ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’

Lectionary Readings for Sunday 1st September – Trinity 14

First Reading Deuteronomy 4.1–2, 6–9 (Pew Bible 177)

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!’ For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children—

Second Reading James 1.17–27 (Pew Bible 1217)

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel Reading Mark 7.1–8, 14, 15, 21–23 (Pew Bible 1015)

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’ He said to them, ‘Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.” You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’

Lectionary Readings for Sunday 8th September – Trinity 15

First Reading Isaiah 35.4–7a (Pew Bible p.715)

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Second Reading James 2.1–10 [11–13] 14–17 (Pew Bible 1218)

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Gospel Reading Mark 7.24–37 (Pew Bible p.1015)

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'