

News Sheet for Sunday 22 September 2024 – The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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Thank you to our flower team 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...

Thank you especially this morning to Jonathan who will be playing the piano for us and to Steven who will be preaching.

Notices

Thank you from Gerald Martin – Gerald would like to thank everyone who signed his lovely 80th birthday card – to Shirley who made it, and for the garden voucher that he received which he will duly enjoy spending.

PCC 17th September

- The PCC met last Tuesday and we are delighted to report that an application from St Peter's Church to The Isabella Schroder Trust for funding for repairs and renovation of the war memorial rails and step has kindly and generously been accepted and they will pay for these much-needed repairs. We thank the Trustees and confirm that the work will begin shortly and that the memorial will be in good order by the time we have our 2024 Service of Remembrance.
- **From April 2025 – vacancies for the service positions of Churchwarden and PCC Secretary** – we are aware that both Rob and Judith will be stepping down from their roles as Churchwarden and PCC Secretary. Do you think either might be something God is prompting you to think about – if so, please do come and have a chat with Jacqueline or, indeed, Rob or Judith in the first instance.
- **WRECCLESHAM FETE TEAM** – We would love two or three people to represent St Peter's when the planning for 2025 fete begins – this is to liaise with the wider fete team to keep up to date with plans and to help organise our own contributions. We always trust that help comes forward on the day, but the finer details of planning and ideas is something that a little group would be ideal to facilitate – **please do let Rob know if you can help...**
- **CHURCH CLEAN FOR AUTUMN** – The date has been confirmed as Saturday 26th October from 9.30am. We usually do it just before Remembrance Sunday as a pre-winter tidy up in and outside the church. Please do come along and help where you feel you would like to – there is plenty to be done, and Rob can let you know specifically if you would like to know! **Thank you so much in advance** 😊
- **MESSY CHURCH – 4pm 29TH SEPTEMBER** – it would be lovely if a couple of people could kindly come along to help clear up after Messy Church – from around 5.15pm please – huge thanks!

CALLING ALL SLOW COOKERS! – Jacqueline would like to borrow slow cookers to cook the chicken casserole for the Quiz Night – please let her know if you can pledge a slow cooker for Saturday morning 5 October – either leave it in the kitchen – or the vicarage garage – or directly to Jacqueline – OR she can collect.

Forthcoming dates

TICKETS FROM ROB FOR THE QUIZ NIGHT – WITH HARVEST SUPPER! 7PM SATURDAY 5 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

HARVEST FESTIVAL – 10.30AM SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER – dry goods will go to Farnham Foodbank and all monies will be distributed between Step by Step and Seeds for Development – **refreshments in church beforehand from 9.45am**

SUNDAY @ ST PETER'S BEGINS 6 OCTOBER (Harvest) – Jonathan Covey will be leading our new Junior session which will happen on the first Sunday of each month – 10.15 – 11.30am in the hall – with Annie and Polly to help him. There is an opportunity for parents to leave their children (**all safeguarding procedures are in place – thank you to Sally for overseeing**) –

We give thanks to Jonathan for his wonderful children's ministry – and to **Shirley, Nicola** and others who help him with the prep and planning – and we pray for the flourishing of this new children's group, that they will grow in faith and fellowship together...

JIGSAW FESTIVAL – 19/20 OCTOBER – a reminder that we are still 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..**
IF YOU CAN KINDLY HELP – SERVING REFRESHMENTS & GENERAL HELP, PLEASE LET ROB KNOW TO ARRANGE YOUR TIMING – HUGE THANKS!

TODAY'S SERVICE – 22 September

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: Wisdom of Solomon 1.16-2.1,12-22; Psalm 54; James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a; *Mark 9.30-37*

Hymns: 81 Brother sister let me serve you; 141 Father hear the prayer we offer; 11 Alleluia sing to Jesus; 435 Cm Make me a channel of your peace; 48 At the name of Jesus – (all verses)

The **Collect for Trinity 17** – O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 – 29 September -

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

10am – Parish Communion for the Feast of St Michael and All Angels – with refreshments in the hall afterwards

4pm – Messy Church: Messy Angels! – the usual activities, food and fun....

OTHER NOTICES

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY – LOOKING AHEAD

- **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..**

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:

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 – Hilary, Roz Forsyth's twin sister.... We are holding Roz and Alex and the family on our hearts and in our prayers at this very sad time as they mourn for Hilary, and as they prepare for her funeral (30th September)

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@cofewrecclisham.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

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 – 22 September – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 1.16-2.1, 12-22

¹⁶ But the ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company.

² For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, 'Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades.

Wisdom 2:12-22

¹² 'Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. ¹³ He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child^[a] of the Lord. ¹⁴ He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; ¹⁵ the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. ¹⁶ We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. ¹⁷ Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; ¹⁸ for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. ¹⁹ Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance.

²⁰ Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.'

²¹ Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, ²² and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls;

Second Reading – James – 3.13-4.3, 7-8a (Pew Bible 1219)

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9.30-37 (Pew Bible p.1018)

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'