News Sheet for Sunday 6th October 2024 – Harvest Festival / The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

- Chris and the flower team for the BEAUTIFUL Harvest feast of flowers we are blessed to have their gift of flower arranging and their faithful generosity in personally providing our flowers most times of the year...
- To the refreshment hosts this week for their generous hospitality...
- to all who make up our worship team for this Sunday's service we are blessed...

SUNDAY @ ST PETER'S BEGINS TODAY! (Harvest) – We pray for Jonathan and the team as they begin to lead our new monthly Junior sessions which will happen on the first Sunday of each month – 10.15 – 11.30am in the hall – Annie and Polly will help him. There is an opportunity for parents to leave their children to either stay for the service or come back to pick them up afterwards.

<u>THANK YOUs - THE QUIZ NIGHT - thank you to everyone who came and supported our marvellous Quiz Night - harvest funds raised for our charities and a lovely evening for all! Thank you to Rob for taking the lead in organising the bookings etc - Sam and Kathryn for help with the catering - to Andy for another brilliant quiz - and thank you to everyone who loaned slow cookers and helped to set up/clear up - and everything else! We will let you know how much was raised soon...</u>

WREATH MAKING – HOT OFF THE PRESS - BOOKING OPENS SOON! This is an advanced notice to all Church Family that the bookings for our Wreath Making sessions – Wed 4th, Thurs 5th, Fri 6th at 7pm – and Sat 7th at 10am – will go live from Monday 14th October – you can book from 14th by emailing Vanda on vanda on vanda.bolton@btinternet.com or speak to her if you don't use email or call Jacqueline – 01252 716431 – this event will sell out very fast – it seems to have grown to be a 'Wrecclesham tradition' now!

<u>JIGSAW FESTIVAL</u> – 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..**

<u>WE NEED SOME HELP PLEASE</u> – <u>BAKING CAKES ETC</u> – SERVING REFRESHMENTS & GENERAL HELP, PLEASE LET ROB KNOW TO ARRANGE YOUR TIMING – HUGE THANKS!

SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER LUNCH & PERSONAL GUIDED TOUR OF WATTS GALLERY GROUNDS & CHAPEL

Steven Knowles has kindly offered to give us a tour including the chapel (not of the gallery) – and we thought that whoever would like to, could meet at Watts Gallery café for lunch – after church around 12.15pm – and then around 1.30ish Steven will take us around the grounds and chapel with his tour-guide expertise to give us some information along the way...

There will be a sign-up sheet at the back, to get an idea of numbers and to book some tables etc...

<u>NEW RAILS FOR THE WAR MEMORIAL!</u> – We give thanks to Isabella Schroder Trust who kindly made a grant for new hand rails to be installed either side of the steps at the War Memorial – THANK YOU to Gerald Blues for taking a lead on this and for the installation of the rails. Work will also take place on the steps in due course.

FOODBANK – new food list (getting ready for Christmas orders): UHT Juice; Tinned ham; Chocolate selection boxes; Packets of custard; Savoury items such as crackers and pringles. Thank you so much...

Other church notices

USE OF THE CHURCH AND HALL ON SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER

St Thomas-on-the-Bourne will be using our church for their RSCM choral exams on Saturday 12 October and the Leverton Hall will also be in use as a waiting room/warm up area. This means that there will be no open access to either the church or hall from 9am to 5pm that day.

There will be appropriate signs on the church and hall doors.

We're delighted to be able to support Revd Sandy Clarke and the St Thomas Choir by providing an alternative setting for these exams, and wish all their candidates success.

Sue Davies has already spoken to some of you about this but, if anyone urgently needs access to the church that day or has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact her on 793888.

CHURCH CLEAN FOR AUTUMN – The date has been confirmed as **Saturday 26**th **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**

PCC

- 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...

Forthcoming dates - Please see Notice Board - more information to follow...

TODAY'S SERVICE – 6TH October

8am - Holy Communion - Traditional language/no hymns

10.30am - HARVEST FESTIVAL - with refreshments in the church beforehand

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

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 2.18-24; Ps 8; Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16

Harvest Readings: 2 Corinthians 9.6-end; Luke 12.16-30

<u>Hymns</u>: 705 We plough the fields; 186 Give thanks; 121 Come ye thankful; 40 As the deer; 662 Think of a world without any flowers; 238 Great is thy faithfulness

<u>The Collect for Trinity 19</u> – O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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**

The Collect for Harvest - the gathering prayer of the Church

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them wisely and to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 - 13th October

8am - Holy Communion — *Traditional language/no hymns* — this will be led by Rev Lucy Roose from Crondall **10am** — Parish Communion — with refreshments in the hall afterwards

EVERY WEDNESDAY: 8AM ONLINE MORNING PRAYER (although Jacqueline is in person at St Peter's Church when she leads it – you are welcome to join her either in person or on zoom...)

Join Zoom Meeting - https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87443605688?pwd=UYiMVbph9q6XaSTsxcawvA4ixebxjT.1

Meeting ID: 874 4360 5688 - Passcode: 307447

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 – Maureen Easton (1st October) (Wendy Coxall's cousin: adopted in 1945 when Wendy was evacuated to her parents in Bordon. Always very close - shared a bed at Nan's and had holidays at their house in Northampton.)

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 <u>vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk</u> 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

<u>WRECCLESHAM OVER 60'S</u> – 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 <u>weekly</u> parish brief.

Lectionary Readings - 6th October - Trinity 19

First Bible Reading Genesis 2.18–24

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Second Reading Hebrews 1.1–4; 2.5–12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. 6But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them,

or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour,

subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, 9but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them

brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

Gospel Reading Mark 10.2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Readings for Harvest Festival

Reading: 2 Corinthians 9.6-end

Remember that the person who plants few seeds will have a small crop; the one who plants many seeds will have a large crop. ⁷ You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly. ⁸ And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause. ⁹ As the scripture says, "He gives generously to the needy; his kindness lasts forever."

¹⁰ And God, who supplies seed for the sower and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and will make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity. ¹¹ He will always make you rich enough to be generous at all times, so that many will thank God for your gifts which they receive from us. ¹² For this service you perform not only meets the needs of God's people, but also produces an outpouring of gratitude to God. ¹³ And because of the proof which this service of yours brings, many will give glory to God for your loyalty to the gospel of Christ, which you profess, and for your generosity in sharing with them and everyone else. ¹⁴ And so with deep affection they will pray for you because of the extraordinary grace God has shown you. ¹⁵ Let us thank God for his priceless gift!

Gospel Reading: Luke 12.16-30

16 Then Jesus told them this parable: "There was once a rich man who had land which bore good crops. 17 He began to think to himself, 'I don't have a place to keep all my crops. What can I do? 18 This is what I will do,' he told himself; 'I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I will store the grain and all my other goods. 19 Then I will say to myself, Lucky man! You have all the good things you need for many years. Take life easy, eat, drink, and enjoy yourself!' 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself?"

21 And Jesus concluded, "This is how it is with those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God's sight."

Trust in God

22 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "And so I tell you not to worry about the food you need to stay alive or about the clothes you need for your body. 23 Life is much more important than food, and the body much more important than clothes. 24 Look at the crows: they don't plant seeds or gather a harvest; they don't have storage rooms or barns; God feeds them! You are worth so much more than birds! 25 Can any of you live a bit longer by worrying about it? 26 If you can't manage even such a small thing, why worry about the other things? 27 Look how the wild flowers grow: they don't work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that not even King Solomon with all his wealth had clothes as beautiful as one of these flowers. 28 It is God who clothes the wild grass—grass that is here today and gone tomorrow, burned up in the oven. Won't he be all the more sure to clothe you? What little faith you have!

29 "So don't be all upset, always concerned about what you will eat and drink. 30 ... Your Father knows that you need these things.