

**News Sheet**  
**for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January – The Second and Third Sundays of Epiphany**

**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 those who have provided flowers and hospitality this week – and to all who make up our **worship team** for this Sunday's service – we are blessed...

**NOTICES**

**THANK YOU IAN! Wildlife of Southern Britain: A light-hearted talk....**

Thank you to Ian for an amazing wildlife talk last Sunday afternoon - everyone thoroughly enjoyed it and it was such a lovely atmosphere. You have such a gift at bringing so much information in a really accessible way - and it was lovely to get to know a bit more about you and your passion for wildlife and conservation.

**Thank you also - to Izzie, Sam and Myung-hye** for the catering and clearing - **Rob for the Raffle** - and **everyone who made cakes** – Jill, June, Izzie, Sam, Chris, Pat and Kathryn – and **thank you to everyone who attended** - we raised £140!

**CHURCH QUIET DAY AT LADYWELL CONVENT, GODALMING** – a time to pause...

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 9.45 for 10am-2pm – cost: £25** including tea/coffee plus lunch.

I will be leading a quiet day that will invite you to take time to relax into a space that is your own – to ponder, pray and reflect as you enjoy the warm hospitality of Ladywell and its beautiful spaces, chapel and grounds.

**There is a sign up sheet at the back of church – please do add your name if interested. If you would like to go but cost might be an issue, please do speak to me** – nobody is excluded because of costs or circumstances....

**PCC MEETING**– The PCC met on Tuesday and spent time discussing church business issues of the day and matters arising. **Main points in summary:**

- **Youth Ministry** – We are spending time praying and considering what we are able to offer our youth in the community. We have an idea for running a Wednesday afternoon 'drop in' youth café where young people from Weydon for example can come and relax/do homework/catch up etc - Jacqueline has been working with the Diocesan Youth Ministry enablers and has attended a course supported by Youthscape called 'Launchpad' from which this project idea has evolved. **If you are interested in playing a role/being part of a rota in helping with the (very relaxed) youth café – just by gently 'being around' or perhaps serving the 'bottomless hot chocolate(!)' or running a tuck stand – please do speak to Jacqueline. Jacqueline will be the main leader in this but will need the support of at least 'one other' each week.** The plan is to launch after Easter in May.
- **Offertory** - In the spirit of 'doing all we can' to be financially as responsible and innovative as possible, we will begin again the gesture of sending round an offertory bag during the offertory hymn. For those who contribute via the Parish Giving Scheme, envelopes or Just Giving, there are tokens that can be collected at the beginning of the service which can then be placed into the bag as a responsory gesture.
- **Wrecclesham Fete** – Traditionally, St Peter's has run the tea tent for the fete, selling teas/coffees and home made cakes and offering a seating area for hospitality. **This is now becoming a challenge.** The fete is now some five hours' long plus setting up and taking down – we have to supply all our own gazebos / tables / chairs - there are challenges in accessing water for the drinks due to its location – and most of our usual group of volunteers are now no longer able to take the lead /help out. **We have therefore agreed that we will retire from running the tea tent – and concentrate on using our efforts and energy towards the BOTTLE TOMBOLA – AND GRAND RAFFLE as a means of St Peter's being a presence at the fete and as a way of fundraising.**  
**WE WILL LET THE FETE COMMITTEE KNOW THAT WE ARE GOING TO 'LAY DOWN THE TEA POTS' AND LET SOMEONE / SOMETHING ELSE FILL THE SPACE.** This is a shame as this has been an annual tradition for many year, but sadly, we have no other choice given the circumstances.
- **CHURCHWARDEN** – A reminder that Rob will be stepping down as Churchwarden this year – we will be seeking a new Churchwarden from April. Please do pray about whether you or someone you know might be called to take this on – **please speak to Rob** if you would like to find out more about the role as Churchwarden as it stands...

**TODAY'S SERVICES** – **19<sup>th</sup> January - The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

**8am** - Holy Communion

**10am** – Third Sunday Service – followed by refreshments in the hall after the service

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

**Lectionary:** Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm 36.5-10; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; John 2.1-11

**Reading for 10am service:** Isaiah 35.1-8; Luke 13:22-30

**Hymns:** What a faithful God have I; 600 Such Love; 455 My Jesus, my saviour; 575 Seek ye first the kingdom of God; 167 Let there be love shared among us; 132 Do not be afraid – 310 In Christ Alone

The Collect for Epiphany 2 – *the gathering prayer of the Church – we pray to be opened to God's Word...*

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

A Prayer for Christian Unity

Almighty God, accept our praise and thanksgiving for what already unites Christians in the confession of and witness to Jesus the Lord. Strengthen our hearts in expectation and hope as we work for unity and together seek the harmony of all creation. Hasten the hour when all churches will recognise each other in the one communion you willed and for which your Son prayed to you in the power of the Holy Spirit. Hear us, you who live and reign now and forever. Amen.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 26<sup>th</sup> January – Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

**8am** - Holy Communion

**10am** – Parish Communion – followed by refreshments in the hall after the service

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

**Lectionary:** Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps19; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21

**Hymns:** 354 Jesus shall reign; 324 I The Lord of sea and sky; 452 My God how wonderful thou art; Cm 605 - Take my life and let it be; 474 - O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,

The Collect for Epiphany 3 - Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

***If anyone wants to join Morning prayer for 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> January, please speak to Kathryn who will send you the link.***

**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

**FREE TICKET PASS FOR WESTMINSTER ABBEY** – I have secured a pass that allows 6 visits for the year church family members to use – up to four people per visit- **there are three passes left for the coming year** – please see Jacqueline to reserve your pass

**Please see Notice Board for up to date news / events / services**

**PRAYERS FOR:**

Frank Wilkes, 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** – Tony Booker (RIP 14<sup>th</sup> December). **Tony's funeral will be at 3pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at Redan Road Cemetery.** We pray in trust that Tony is reunited with Mavis and we pray for Tony's friends who mourn.

**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....

## **OTHER NOTICES**

**PCC**

- **From April 2025 – there will be a vacancy for the service position of Churchwarden – please see notice above...**

**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](mailto:info@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk)

**Farnham Assist – details 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...** Please see notice 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! ☺

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

**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 LEFT-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 January:** UHT milk, Tinned meat such as ham, corned beef, stewing steak, hot dogs etc, UHT juice, Squash, Toilet roll

**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)

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

### **Lectionary Readings for The Second Sunday of Epiphany – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

First Bible Reading Isaiah Chapter 62 Verses 1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. *NRSV*

Second Reading 1 Corinthians Chapter 12 Verses 1-11

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. *NRSV*

Gospel Reading John Chapter 2 Verses 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. *NRSV*

### **Lectionary Readings for the 10am Third Sunday Service – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

First Reading – Isaiah 35: 1-8

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm

the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup> 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.' <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup> 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; <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

The Gospel Reading – taken from Luke chapter 13, verses 22-30 – (The NRSV Translation)\_(Pew Bible p.)

#### *The Narrow Door*

<sup>22</sup> Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup> Someone asked him, 'Lord, will only a few be saved?' He said to them, <sup>24</sup> 'Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup> When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then in reply he will say to you, "I do not know where you come from." <sup>26</sup> Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets." <sup>27</sup> But he will say, "I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!" <sup>28</sup> There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. <sup>29</sup> Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup> Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'

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### **Lectionary Readings for The Third Sunday of Epiphany – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

#### First Bible Reading Nehemiah Chapter 8 v 1 - 3, 5 - 10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.' *NRSV*

#### Second Reading 1 Corinthians Chapter 12 v 12 –31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. *NRSV*

Gospel Reading Luke Chapter 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'