

**News Sheet
for Sunday 2nd February 2025 – Candlemas**

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

Rosemary Knight (RIP)....

It is with a heavy heart that I let you know that our dear friend Rosemary died peacefully on Tuesday 28th January. We will always remember Rosemary's wonderful smile and warm friendliness and trust that she is now reunited with John and resting in eternal peace. We offer our condolences and prayers for Jennie and Glyn and their families as they mourn.

Rosemary's funeral will be held at Slough Crematorium on Friday 21st February, but Jennie and Glyn will be attending the 10.30am Service on Sunday 2nd March when we can offer our condolences and say some words and prayers for Rosemary.

Eternal rest grant unto Rosemary, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

THANK YOU – To Nicola Covey for February's Parish Magazine, and to June, Beverley, Gerald B and Sue behind the scenes and to all who deliver – we are blessed to be still publishing such a good quality magazine and please do support / keep supporting the magazine so that long may it continue!

LAST CALL FOR SIGNING UP... CHURCH QUIET DAY AT LADYWELL CONVENT, GODALMING
Saturday 22nd 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....

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 – 2nd February - Candlemas

8am - Holy Communion

10.30am – First Sunday Service for Candlemas – with refreshments in the church from 9.45am

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

Candlemas: Malachi 3.1-5; Ps 24.(1-6)7-10; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40

Lectionary: Proverbs 8.1,22-31; Ps 104.26-37; Colossians 1.15-20; John 1.1-14

Hymns:– 117 Come thou long expected Jesus - 416 Lord the light of your light is shining – 408 Lord Jesus Christ – Cm:16 All heav'n declares – 401 Longing for light

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

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: Grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 – 9th February – *The Fourth Sunday before Lent*

8am - Holy Communion

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

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=UYiMVbph9q6XaSTsxcawvA4ixebxT.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...

Heather Brohier (RIP) – Heather lived in the parish for many years and passed away at Waverley Grange on 24th January. The funeral will be held at St Peter's Church at 2.30pm on Friday 21st February. We pray for Heather's family at this time of mourning.

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....

OTHER NOTICES

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- ***From April 2025 – there will be a vacancy for the service position of Churchwarden – please see notice above...***
- **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.
- **Wrecclesham Fete** – Traditionally, St Peter's has run the tea tent for the fete, This is now becoming a challenge to organise and find people to help on the day. 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.

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

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.

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 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 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 February:** Tinned potatoes / instant mash; UHT milk; Squash; Nappies size 5, 6 or & 7 - any brand is great, supermarket-own brand is often reasonably priced; Gluten free, dairy free or Halal items - any items such as GF pasta, dairy free biscuits, GF/DF savoury items or chapati bread

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 for Candlemas

First Reading – Malachi 3:1-5 (Pew Bible p.966)

Thus says the Lord God: ¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Second Reading - Hebrews 2.14-18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. *NRSV*

Gospel Reading - Luke 2.22-40 (Pew Bible p.1033)

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons".

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all people,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.