

News Sheet - for Sunday 9th February 2025 – Fourth Sunday before Lent

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

TODAY at 4pm - MESSY CHURCH: OVERFLOWING LOVE

Thank you to the Messy Church Team for making this happen – Vanda, Lizzy A, Nicky, Jonathan & Shirley, Clare, Caroline, Emma, Felix and Annabel – David, Kathryn, Eddie & Pat, Rob & Sam

THANK YOU – To **Gerald and Lizzy H** for the lovely array of candles that lit up the church last week for Candlemas – a time-consuming task, but what a blessing

CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED – We are pleased to say that the church floor will be undergoing a deep clean/polish/seal and will be closed **25th, 26th and 27th February**.

Thank you to **Isabella Schroder Trust** for their generous financial grant to support this – **and to Rob for his hard efforts to secure the best quotation and proposal – and for the practical overseeing of the project.**

20% DISCOUNT! - Origin Christian Bookshop (Woking) is moving - With Christ Church, Woking due to begin major building renovations, the Origin Christian Bookshop will be temporarily operating a 'pop-up' shop inside Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, from Monday 10 March. The shop will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11am-2pm.

A 20% discount is available to all customers who provide the name of their church.

Contact service@originbooks.org for more information.

Other local Christian gift/bookshops include [The Cathedral Shop](#) and [Triangle Bookshop](#) in Farnborough.

In the spirit of this week's theme of recognising our calling....

Vocation: Is the Caleb Stream for you?

Caleb is a transformational training programme for people aged 60-70 who feel that God is calling them towards ordained ministry. Do you have experience in church leadership, maturity of faith, and service in parishes? Caleb may be the right path for you. **Caleb runs for one academic year and includes one personal study day and one group teaching day each week, as well as six residential weekends and a parish placement.** If you feel a strong calling or know someone who does, the process is as follows:-

- Ensure you have the support of your incumbent and PCC
- Fill in the application form (available on request)
- This will lead to interviews which will be held in 6 and 18 March
- The discernment will take place after Easter.

If you would like to discuss further and receive an application form please contact [Peter Hancock](#), [John Valentine](#) or [Craig Holmes](#) ASAP.

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 – **9th February – 4th Sunday before Lent**

8am - Holy Communion

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

4pm – Messy Church: Overflowing Love

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

Lectionary: : Isaiah 6.1-8,(9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11

Hymns: 683 To God be the glory; 524 O thou who camest from above; 129 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind; 602 Sweet Sacrament Divine; 493 O Jesus I have promised

The Collect for Fourth Sunday before Lent – *gathering prayer of the Church – pray to be opened to God's Word...*

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 – **16th February – The Third Sunday before Lent**

8am - Holy Communion

10am – Third Sunday Service – 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=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:

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...

Rosemary Knight (RIP) - 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.

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

PCC

- ***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 toast/milk shakes/hot chocolate(!)' – 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** (this role will be supported by the (simple) CofE safeguarding process for volunteers) The plan is to launch after Easter in May.

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](#).

Diocesan Board of Education nominations - Are you passionate about the role of education and schools as part of our diocesan mission? Do you have education or school experience, skills or expertise, or know someone who does?

Nominations for candidates for election to the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) are now open and will close on Monday 24 February. Further information and nomination forms are available on the [Diocesan website](#).

For a brief discussion on what being a DBE member involves, please contact [Canon Alex Tear](#), Diocesan Director of Education.

Lectionary Readings for the Fourth Sunday before Lent

First Reading: Isaiah 6.1-8(9-13) (Pew Bible p.677) ¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' ⁹And he said, 'Go and say to this people: "Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand." ¹⁰Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.' ¹¹Then I said, 'How long, O Lord?' And he said: 'Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; ¹²until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. ¹³Even if a tenth part remains in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.' The holy seed is its stump.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 (Pew Bible p.1158)

¹I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel reading: Luke 5.1-11 (Pew Bible p.1036)

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus. *NRSV*