

## News Sheet - for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Third 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**

**MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2025:** We are currently collecting the £6 annual subscriptions for the Parish Magazine. If you collect your magazine from the church please either give £6 cash to Sue Davies, or pay £6 using the Goodbox and let Sue know. With many thanks.

**THANK YOU - to Churchwarden Rob, Jonathan and Shirley** for hosting 22 Wrecclesham Cubs last Thursday – introducing them to what goes on in a church and why – and for the crafting memento of the St Peter's key symbol that they could take away – they had a wonderful time, and the churchwarden got to tell them that it was the churchwarden and not the vicar that was in charge of the church! 😊

**THANK YOU – to the Messy Church Team** for hosting over 45 adults and children at a heartwarming and fun session last Sunday – all about overflowing love – and what a great talk you gave, Lizzy A! The team: Registration David – Hospitality Kathryn – craft and activities; Vanda, Lizzy A, Nicky, Jonathan & Shirley, Emma, Clare & Caroline, Annabel & Felix – Catering; Sam & Rob, Eddie & Pat and to David for cooking some spuds!

**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 **25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**IT'S QUIZ-TIME @ ST PETER'S CHURCH! - 7PM SAT 15 MARCH** - Book your place (£3 in the pot) - and come and enjoy an evening of socialising & quizzing - **bring your own tippie & nibbles!**

**SIGN UP IN CHURCH - OR CALL/TEXT ROB 07990 706385** Andy, will be Quiz-master again this year - and if you haven't been to one of his quizzes then please do give it a go - he's entertaining - the quiz is accessible to most!

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025 – service to be held at the Spire Church – FRIDAY 7 MARCH**

Wendy Coxell and Roz Forsyth are our reps for this special service – this year's theme 'I made you wonderful....' Please join them and for refreshments after the service.... **(please see poster on the board)**

**SAVE THE DATE – FORTHCOMING LENT COURSE (CONTENT TO BE CONFIRMED):**

**When:** Beginning Thursdays 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> April

**Where:** 24 Buttermer Close, GU10 4PN (Thank you to Chris & Frank for hosting)

***The course will be repeated Thursday evenings from 7.30pm if there is enough interest...***

**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...

**PCC MEMBERS** – It would be lovely if a few more people might come forward and be part of our PCC – we meet bi-monthly at 7.30pm on a Wednesday evening in the Leverton Hall to represent the church family in taking care of the spiritual, business and practical matters of our church life. **Please do think about whether this might be something that God might be calling you to do – and speak to Jacqueline or other members to find out more.**

**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](mailto: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.

### **TODAY'S SERVICES – 16<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

**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:* Jeremiah 17.5-10; Ps1; 1 Cor 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26,  
*Readings for Third Sunday - Genesis 28.10–17; John 1.47-end*

*Hymns:* 36 Angel voices ever singing; King of Kings, majesty; 455 My Jesus, my saviour; 60 Be still; 16 All heaven declares; 637 The Lord's my shepherd; 132 (prayers) do not be afraid; Amazing Grace – my chains are gone

The Collect for Third Sunday before Lent – gathering prayer of the Church – pray to be opened to God's Word... Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of his world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 – 23<sup>rd</sup> February – The Second 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=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 21<sup>st</sup> February, but Jennie and Glyn will be attending the 10.30am Service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> January. The funeral will be held at St Peter's Church at 2.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](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...***

- **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](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 above plus**

- .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 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](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](#).

**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 Third Sunday before Lent**

First Bible Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse –

who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings. *NRSV*

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15 Verses 12-20

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God,

because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. *NRSV*

#### Gospel Reading Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. *NRSV*

#### Readings for 10am Third Sunday Service

First Reading: Genesis 28.10-17 (Pew Bible p.29) - *Jacob's Dream at Bethel*

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup> and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

A Reading from the Gospel of John: 1.47-end (Pew Bible p.1069)

<sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'