

News Sheet - for Sunday 23rd February 2025 – Second 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

ELECTORAL ROLL – Please do get your new Electoral Roll form in to Chris Wilkes very soon please!

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.

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.**

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 tittle & 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!

CAKES PLEASE! – It would be marvellous if anyone can make a cake for the quiz night on 15th March – we will have a cuppa and cake at the interval – please let Jacqueline know and thank you so much! 😊

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 20th, 27th March, 3rd, 10th, 17th 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 the evening of the third Wednesday of the month 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.**

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 – 23rd February – 2nd Sunday before Lent
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
Lectioary; Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25; Psalm 65; Revelation 4; Luke 8.22-25

Hymns: 134 Eternal Father strong to save; 368 Just as I am; 11 Alleluia sing to Jesus; Cm 61 Be still my soul; 240 Guide me O thou great redeemer

The Collect for Third Sunday before Lent – gathering prayer of the Church – pray to be opened to God’s Word...
Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

NEXT SUNDAY’S SERVICE – 23rd February – The Sunday next before Lent

8am - Holy Communion

10.30am – First Sunday Service – with refreshments in the church beforehand. Glyn Knight and Jennie will be coming to the service and we will remember and give thanks for dear Rosemary Knight – and John now resting in peace together in God’s perpetual and eternal light

EVERY WEDNESDAY: 8.30AM ONLINE MORNING PRAYER (NEW TIME!) (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:

Christine Paine, 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.

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 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 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 Second Sunday before Lent

Bible Reading: Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25 (Pew Bible p.4)

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

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 every 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. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed. NRSV

Second Reading Revelation 4 (Pew Bible p.1224)

I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads.

Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.' NRSV

Gospel reading: Luke 8.22-25 (Pew Bible p.1041)

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?' NRSV