

News Sheet - for Sunday 2nd March 2025 – Sunday Next 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...

Today as we remember our dear friend, Rosemary Knight, we welcome son and daughter Glyn and Jennie and some family and friends who join us to give thanks for Rosemary's life and of her friendship and faithful support of St Peter's church, her spiritual home and a place that she loved.

NOTICES

ELECTORAL ROLL – The electoral roll forms need to be in BY TODAY, PLEASE!

PLEASE NOTE – There is a **change of date** for the second Lent Lunch – **NOW WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL** (from 9th April – it will be lovely to see you at the vicarage for a soup lunch gathering for Lent)

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – 5th March, 7pm - Service for Ash Wednesday with the Imposition of Ashes

LEE ABBEY, NORTH DEVON – PARISH WEEKEND AWAY – FRIDAY 4TH – SUNDAY 6TH JULY – we have booked for 17 people, but could still accommodate further bookings – IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE SPEAK TO JACQUELINE!

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 FLOOR CLEANING – We give thanks to Barrie and the cleaning team for making such an amazing job of cleaning and sealing the church floor – and to Rob and helpers who put the church back together afterwards! A big thank you again to Rob for overseeing this project and to Schroder Trust for the funding – a blessing indeed!

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)**

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! 😊

IT'S QUIZ-TIME @ ST PETER'S CHURCH! - 7PM SAT 15 MARCH - Book your Out 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!

SAVE THE DATE – FORTHCOMING LENT COURSE – Out of the Wilderness...

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....

Following on from our QUIET DAY AT LADYWELL CONVENT last weekend – please note that if you would like to take time out in this beautiful space for reflection / prayer / peace – they have **MONTHLY DAYS OF REFLECTION: 9.30am – 4pm including a lovely lunch – cost is £25**. It is led by Fr. Michael O'Grady & David Beresford. It is in the Catholic tradition, but is suitable for all traditions of Christian spirituality. Contact Franciscancentre@ladywell.org.uk

- **OUR NEXT CHURCH QUIET DAY AT LADYWELL WILL BE – SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER**

NEW! - ANNUAL PAROCIAL CHURCH MEETING - SUNDAY 6TH APRIL 2025, 11.45AM

Everyone is welcome to attend – to celebrate our church life together, to hear reports of the past year and

to consider the year ahead.... Please do come along if you can - in support and solidarity for St Peter's Church 'As we think about the life of St Peter's and our part in it, it is worth bearing in mind that it was not an accident that 17 of the 36 parables of Jesus had to do with property and stewardship.' – William James Dawson

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.

TODAY'S SERVICES Sunday 2nd March – Sunday next before Lent – celebrating St David (b/f 1 March)

8am - Holy Communion

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

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

Lectionary: Exodus 34.29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Cor 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36,(37-43)

Readings for 10.30am service: Philippians 4.4-9; John 10.11-16

Hymns: 306 Immortal Invisible; 410 Lord of all hopefulness; 428 Love divine all loves excelling; Cm 26 All things bright and beautiful; 499 O Lord my God

The Collect for Sunday next before Lent – gathering prayer of the Church – pray to be opened to God's Word... Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

The Collect – for St David – a gathering prayer...

Almighty God, who called your servant David to be a faithful and wise steward of your mysteries for the people of Wales: in your mercy, grant that, following his purity of life and zeal for the gospel of Christ, we may with him receive the crown of everlasting life; 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.*

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – 5th March, 7pm - Service for Ash Wednesday with the Imposition of Ashes

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 9th March – The First Sunday of Lent

8am - Holy Communion

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

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

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.

Brian Drake (RIP 5 February) – Brian lived locally for many years and we pray for wife Carol, grandson Bradley and all Brian's family as they mourn. The service will be held at St Peter's – date to be confirmed.

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

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

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 Sunday Next before Lent

First Bible Reading Exodus 34:29 –35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken

with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him. *NRSV*

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2

Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. *NRSV*

Gospel Reading Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

(37-43) On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God. Everyone was amazed at all that he was doing. *NRSV*

Bible Readings for St David's Day / Rosemary's Remembrance

First Reading – Philippians chapter 4, verses 4-9 (Pew Bible 1183)

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading John chapter 10, verses 11-16 (Pew Bible 1081)

11 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.