

News Sheet - for Sunday 9th March 2025 The First Sunday of 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

There are no flowers in church during Lent – but thank you to those who have provided **hospitality this week – and to all who make up our **worship team** for this Sunday's service – we are blessed...**

NOTICES

THANK YOU TO ST PETER'S – FROM THE FOODBANK! – Fiona from the Foodbank sent us a lovely thank you and certificate for all our efforts of the past year - **we have donated an amazing 158.5kgs of food!** Thank you to everyone who donates – and **to Lizzy Hendry for faithfully taking the offerings to the Foodbank for us.**
THE LIST FOR MARCH – and every month – IS LISTED BELOW....

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! 😊

NEXT SATURDAY - 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 tipple & 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!

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 no 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...

EASTER LILIES – if you would like to make a contribution towards the Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one, please see Chris Gray and let her know their name – we will put a notice with the Easter Lilies in commemoration..

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....

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.**

TODAY'S SERVICES Sunday 9th March – The First Sunday of 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

Lectionary: Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 91.1-2,9-16; Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13

Hymns: 173 Forty days and forty nights; 675 through all the changing scenes of life; 330 I will sing the wondrous story; 80 Broken for me, broken for you; 48 At the name of Jesus

The Collect for the First Sunday of Lent – the gathering prayer of the Church

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 – 9th March – The First Sunday of Lent

8am - Holy Communion

10am – Third Sunday Service (no communion) led by the Worship Team, Carol, Jonathan and David – 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...

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 at 11.30am on Thursday 20th March

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 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 March:** Instant mash; Tinned meat such as hot dogs, tinned stew or ham; Sponge puddings, jelly and fruit pots; Tinned vegetables - carrots, peas - no sweetcorn please; Ladies deodorant; Shampoo

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 First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26.1-11 (Pew Bible 199)

Moses spoke to the people, saying: ¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Second Reading: Romans 10.8b-13 (1140)

⁸What does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Gospel reading: Luke 4.1-13 (Pew Bible p.1035)

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' ⁴Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you",

¹¹and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

¹²Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.