

News Sheet - for Sunday 23rd March 2025 The Third 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...

SIDES PERSON'S MEETING AFTER THE 10AM SERVICE TODAY – Sunday 16th March – Please do come along as Sally and Rob help us keep up to review / celebrate / keep up to date with this very vital part of our church life and worship time together – a warm welcome and a safe and secure church is such a blessing, especially for those who are new to St Peter's as well as for all of us who gather Sunday by Sunday...

NOTICES

THANK YOU – TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THE QUIZ NIGHT HAPPEN – more next week 😊

CONFIRMATION – There will be a Confirmation Service in All Saints, Crondall on Sunday 22nd June at 9.30am. Any church in the Deanery is most welcome to bring their own candidates to be confirmed in this **service**. **IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER BEING CONFIRMED – that is, saying a grown-up 'yes' to the baptism vows we made as a baby/child/young adult** – then please do let Jacqueline know and we can arrange to make preparations and join our friends at All Saints Crondall for this joyful occasion

NEW! CHURCH SPRING-CLEAN MORNING – Whatever job you fancy doing - inside or outside – we will be there from **9am SATURDAY 5TH APRIL** - Please do come along and help give our church a spring-clean ready for Easter and spring/summer season – refreshments will be served! 😊

NEW! – THE BARN DANCE IS BACK! – SAVE THE DATE & GET YOUR TICKETS (limited numbers) - £20 each or £45 for a family – this will include a posh – please see Rob for tickets....

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 16th March – The Second 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

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

Lectionary: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Ps 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Hymns: Bless the Lord, O my soul; 410 Lord of all hopefulness; 324 I the Lord of sea and sky; 60(prayers) Be still and know; Final: I believe

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

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The (Alternative) Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent – (10am service)

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent, may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 23rd March – The Third 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...

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](#).

Lectionary Readings for the Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading - Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.' NRSV

Second Reading Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. NRSV

Gospel Reading Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'" NRSV