

**News Sheet - for Sunday 6th April 2025 - The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Passiontide Begins**

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...

EASTER SERVICES @ ST PETER'S CHURCH

Messy Easter: An Egg-straordinary Story! - 6th April, 4pm

Activities – hot food – family fun

Palm Sunday 13th April, 10am

With Palms and Gospel Narration
of the last days before Easter

Holy Week

Reflection and Night Prayer: 7-7.45pm Monday to Wednesday

Maundy Thursday, 8pm

Communion of the Last Supper

Followed by vigil until 10pm (optional)

Good Friday

10am All Age service & hot cross buns

2pm – Hour at the Cross

Easter Sunday 20th April

5.45am – a short Sunrise Service – with a cuppa & hot cross buns after
(Vicarage Garden, 2 Kings Lane GU10 4QB)

8am Holy Communion (traditional)

10am: Celebration Service for Easter

(Easter Egg Hunt – wear your Easter Bonnets for the Easter Parade!)

Don't forget to be getting your Easter Bonnets ready for our light-hearted 'Easter Parade'!

PALM SUNDAY – Sunday 13th April

- Rev Sandy is asking for people to take part in the reading of the Passion Narrative for Palm Sunday – please do let her know if you would like to read...
- **Healing service: 6pm Sunday 13th April** – a gentle and peaceful service to be still and be open to God's healing grace of peace and comfort and strength....

NEW! – DRAMA FOR HOLY WEEK – 7PM MONDAY 14TH APRIL @ ST THOMAS-ON-THE-BOURNE - The Devil's Passion: a reflection on modern day evil and hope in our time.

Rev Sandy Clarke says: Sometimes the Easter story's over familiarity makes us forget the world changing significance of the love and hope our Lord has given us. Today we need this love and hope for ourselves and for those around us more than ever. Justin Barber's play tells the most wonderful story on earth from a raw and urgent perspective You can book here: <https://thebourneparish.churchsuite.com/events/wj5q7mnr> - tickets cost £15 booked in advance, £18 on the door...

Rev Jacqueline will be at St Peter's Church, 7-7.45pm for the usual Holy Week Reflection and Night Prayer Monday-Wednesday....

NOTICES

THANK YOU TO THE CHURCH CLEANERS & GRASS-CUTTING – Thank you to Rob and Sam, Gerald, Sue, Lizzy and Kathryn for being part of the springtime church-cleaning – and thank you also to Hugh for grass-cutting in the churchyard...

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

Everyone is welcome to attend after the 10.30am service today – 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 – As we give thanks for Rob's wonderful service these past four years – we give thanks to **Gerald Blues** who will be standing for Churchwarden at the APCM

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.**

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..

WANTED: FUNERAL VERGER – We are looking for a new Funeral Verger – someone to help set up for and to be at hand to welcome and assist those attending. Please speak to Jacqueline if you are interested in this important ministry

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....

Youth Ministry – Our Youth Café will be launched on 4th June! **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)**

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

TODAY'S SERVICES Sunday 6th April – The Fifth Sunday of Lent – followed by APCM

8am - Holy Communion

10.30am – First Sunday Service – with refreshments in the church beforehand from 9.45am

11.45am – **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

4pm – Messy Easter: An Egg-straordinary Story

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

Lectinary: *Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8*

Hymns: 683 To God be the glory; 175 Servant King; 92 Christ triumphant ever reigning; Cm 451 My God and is thy table spread - 310 In Christ alone

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 – 13th April – Palm Sunday - The Sixth Sunday of Lent

8am - Holy Communion

10am – Communion Service for Palm Sunday: Liturgy of the Palms & Liturgy of the Passion according to Mark – followed by refreshments in the hall after the service

6pm – Healing Service for Palm Sunday

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, Beryl Tate, Gerald Martin, Andrew Jones and for all who are poorly, and give thanks for the healing and ongoing wellbeing of all recovering and on the mend from illness...

RIP Phyllis Bishop (Ashton Manor) – Michael Preece (parishioner) – we pray for Phyllis and Michael's family and friends as they mourn...

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

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](#).

Readings for The Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Isaiah 43.16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading: Philippians 3.4b-14

⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, ⁹not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord - **Thanks be to God**