

News Sheet - for Sunday 10th August – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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 everyone involved in leading our worship today - and to those offering hospitality and flowers this week – very much appreciated...

THANK YOU! – For whatever is happening today – and the only part I know about is the service (because I wrote it!) – thank you to everyone who has contributed to the time and effort that will have gone into making my last day at St Peter's special. While this is no doubt a sad day for the parting – it is also to be a wonderful chance to celebrate and give thanks for the wonderful and blessed time we have had together – in the name of Jesus – in the power of the Spirit - and all to the glory of God!

From Rev Jacqueline as we gather for her last Sunday at St Peter's –

Dearest friends, while we have been working towards this day, I feel no more prepared than I was some three months ago when I made the announcement that I had made the decision to retire. I feel that way because, while I am looking forward to retiring to Weymouth, I am not looking forward to having to say goodbye to you – my dear and much-loved church family. We have journeyed together these past 7 ½ years in all the changing scenes of life – trouble and joy indeed and I am richly blessed for having done so – and to have known each and every one of you by name in the spirit of the bond of friendship, fellowship and faith. And so I say 'Au revoir' – *until we meet again.....* Thank you so much for all that you have afforded me as Vicar of Wrecclesham, St Peter's Church – I will thank the Lord for you and hold you all on my heart and in my prayers – always.

The Lord Bless you and Keep you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you,
and all who you love, peace and joy, hope and love. Amen.

NOTICE SHEET – CHRIS WILKES WILL NOW BE PREPARING THE WEEKLY NOTICES – please do help Chris and let her know of any notices you would like included – **by Thursday lunchtime if possible** – in time for printing and producing of notices for the Sunday service and its distribution.

Contact for Chris: Email: parishadmin@cofewrecclesham.org.uk – Tel: 07902 768597

PRAYING TOGETHER: 'A future and a hope' – prayer for our church and community.

Join us to pray more specifically for God's plans for the future of St Peter's, in the side chapel, after the service, **the next prayer session will be August 17th**. We will allow 20 minutes to get a coffee on the mornings when refreshments are served. **If you have any questions please speak to Kathryn or Carol.**

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and be not wise in your own sight.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Prov 3:5-6)***

OTHER NOTICES

LYCHGATE APPEAL – WE DID IT! – We are delighted to report that Farnham Town Council have pledged a grant award of 25% of the total cost of the restoration of the lychgate up to £5,000 – and so, added to a £2,000 legacy from Peter Warkins, a generous donation of £2,000 from the Farnham Preservation Trust plus the most generous public donations and with Schroder funding the remaining balance - **WE HAVE NOW RAISED THE £18,000 NEEDED** and look forward to the work commencing sometime early autumn – **bravo to everyone who have contributed to the cause – and watch this space as Gerald and the PCC keep us up to date with progress!**

CELTIC MORNING PRAYER ON WEDNESDAYS – Change of time – *From Kathryn:* Celtic morning prayer will continue via Zoom on a **Wednesday, at 8.30am during August and at 9.30am from September 3rd**. This is thirty minutes of short readings, reflection and prayer, of a contemplative nature. There are booklets available if you would like to sample before trying! If you are interested in joining then please contact Kathryn on kathrynbeehive@gmail.com

Receiving the Chalice at Communion – Following some requests during the course of a year or so, the PCC has agreed that we could administer a second chalice at Communion for those wishing to drink from the chalice.

We tried it out last week and it will work well once we are all used to it - the chalice will be on a small table in the chancel and people can indicate when they would like to receive the wine in this way, rather than the current practice of the wafer being intincted by the Celebrant. **If you can, please stand on the left-hand side of the chancel to receive in this way....**

Thank you to the PCC for seeking to accommodate the spiritual needs of all our church family members.

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 10th August - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8am - Holy Communion

10am – Leaving Service for Rev Jacqueline – with Communion - with refreshments in the hall afterwards

Lectinary(8am): *Genesis 15.1-6; Psalm 33.12-21; Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16; Luke 12.32-40*

The Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 17th August - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8am - Holy Communion

10am – Third Sunday Service – no Communion – followed by refreshments in the hall

EVERY WEDNESDAY: See notice above

Please see Notice Board for up to date news / events / services

PRAYERS FOR:

Margaret Jeffery (recovering after her operation) ; Tim Sturt, Christine Paine, 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...

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

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... We thank everyone contributing to our common life here at 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

Foodbank requirements for July: Savoury snacks such as crisps, crackers and pot noodles, chocolate, UHT juice, Tinned potatoes and Instant mash, Biscuits and cereal bars, Children's suntan lotion factor 50. In addition tinned meat such as corn beef and ham, UHT milk, oil and washing powder would also be greatly appreciated.

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](#).

Bible Readings for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Genesis 15.1-6

15 After these things 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.' ² 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?' ³ And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴ 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.' ⁵ 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.' ⁶ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-3. 8-16

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel Reading Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'