

## News Sheet - for Sunday 17th August – The Ninth 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...***

***A thank you from Jacqueline*** - "My dear and precious friends, sending blessings with you...

My last service was quite simply the most beautiful gathering for worship and thanksgiving - it was all about me, BUT really - it was all about **GOD'S GRACE** - and all about YOU - the most amazing and lovely church family and body of Christ I will ever know. THANK YOU, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for choosing me to be Your Vicar - an absolute privilege and joy these past seven years and, yes, even in the sadness of parting and moving into a new season, we see how our JESUS OUR GOOD SHEPHERD turns even the saddest of times into the most joyful occasion

Thank you for making yesterday so very, very special

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PUT TOGETHER THE SERVICE - IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER** - hosting over 250 people is no mean feat!! I love you all very much and I am sure we'll always be walking together albeit in a new way - the Holy Spirit has bound us together and will bless each and every one of us along the way

**FURTHERMORE, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE WONDERFUL GIFTS** - superb painting of St Peter's by Amy Bolton - beautiful crystal bowl with memorial engraving - garden furniture (a wrought iron table and two chairs)- 2 (well remembered that I liked this, Rob & Sam) - gorgeous bouquet of flowers - garden cushions and tableware - and a very special 'Shirley signature card' - and also amongst all of these lovely gifts was a parcel with a lovely teddy bear family made and given to me by dear Sheila Carver -

And of course - as if that wasn't wonderful enough, an incredible money gift of £1,000. I am overwhelmed with your kind generosity - church family and wider community - and I thank you so much..."

**NOTICE SHEET** – Chris Wilkes is now preparing the weekly notes – please 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 Chris: Email: [parishadmin@cofewrecclesham.org.uk](mailto:parishadmin@cofewrecclesham.org.uk) – Tel/text: 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, **TODAY (August 17<sup>th</sup>)**, and then on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. 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)

**PROOFREADER REQUIRED** - A Note from the Parish Magazine Editor

Your parish magazine editor, although a lover of words, does make spelling, grammatical and other mistakes in your magazine. Fortunately, up until the last edition, she had a proofreader to minimise these errors creeping in. With the retirement of Rev Jacqueline, alas your editor is now without a proofreader.

If you would like to be on hand to proofread (and get an exclusive sneak peek of our brilliant magazine), please do get in touch with me, Nicola, your editor on T: 01252 449 066, E: [nmcovey19@gmail.com](mailto:nmcovey19@gmail.com). I look forward to working with new partner in crime ☺ Do let me know if you have any questions.

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 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](mailto: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 have tried it out the last 2 weeks 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 – 17<sup>th</sup> August - Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

**8am** - Holy Communion

**10am** – All Age Service - with refreshments in the hall afterwards

**Lectinary:** *Jeremiah 23.23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11.29-12.2; Luke 12.49-56*

**The Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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. CW

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 24<sup>th</sup> August – Bartholomew The Apostle**

**8am** - Holy Communion

**10am** – Parish 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 Chris 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...

**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](mailto:carolzeiher@sky.com).

**WRECCLESHAM OVER 60'S** – On 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**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](mailto:info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk) or call 07901 58153 visit website [farnham.foodbank.org.uk](http://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 Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

#### **First Reading: Jeremiah 23.23-29**

<sup>23</sup> Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup> Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>26</sup> How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup> They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

#### **Second Reading: Hebrews 11. 29-12.2**

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,<sup>[a]</sup> and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of<sup>[b]</sup> the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

#### **Gospel Reading Luke 12:49:56**

<sup>49</sup> 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?