

News Sheet for Sunday 11th January – The Baptism of Christ

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 - also to Wendy for offering hospitality, and to Chris G for flowers – very much appreciated...

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 11th January

8am – Morning Prayer (No Communion) – led by Steven Knowles

10am – Parish Communion – led by Rev Sandy Cavalier, refreshments after in the Hall

Hymns: 709 – 716 – 244– 580– 42

Lectionary: *Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17*

The Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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.

PRAYERS FOR Stephanie & Norman Robinson, Jenny Emberson, Tim Sturt, 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 We remember the family of Carol Blues whose Mum, Margaret, passed away on the 1st Jan

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...

Unfortunately, we are unable to find Clergy cover for some 8am Services as listed in the Magazine.
25th January - 8am NO service.

A ST PETER'S THANK YOU

to **Lizzie Hendry** who has kindly offered to care for the Altar Linen following Margaret's retirement.
and

to our longest serving Parish Magazine distributor - **Doris Robinson** – who is retiring after delivering the magazine for an astonishing forty years. We send her our very grateful thanks and wish her, and her husband, every happiness in their plans for the future.

Doris delivers magazines to 18 houses - all in Little Green Lane. If anyone feels able to take over this round please speak to Sue Davies, or phone her on 793888.

"PRAYING TOGETHER: 'A future and a hope' – a short time of prayer for our church and community after the service, will resume **TODAY** in the side chapel. We will allow 20 minutes for you to get refreshments before gathering. Future dates tbc. "

CELTIC MORNING PRAYER ON WEDNESDAYS VIA ZOOM IS now at 8.30am

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 taking part. If you are interested in joining then please contact Kathryn on kathrynbeehive@gmail.com

FARNHAM BRASS BAND TRAINING BAND start their regular Friday sessions at The Leverton Hall this week. "We are keen to get new group members and have publicised the session on the band's Facebook page. The group is for beginners and returners on any brass or woodwind instrument, such as trumpet, cornet, flute, oboe, trombone and bass etc. Please speak to me, Roz, or email farnhambrassband@aol.com for more information."

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 18th January

8am Holy Communion; **10am** – All Age Service (No Communion) followed by Refreshments

THE YOUTH CAFE meets on Wednesdays at the Leverton Hall 3:15pm-4:45pm. The Youth Cafe provides a safe, supportive and welcoming space for young people to socialise, have fun, and get free refreshments.

NEWS SHEET – please let **Chris Wilkes** know of any notices you would like included – **by Thursday lunchtime if possible**. Email: parishadmin@cofewrecleshamb.org.uk – Tel/text: 07902 768597

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. Lizzy Hendry kindly takes the food to the Foodbank for us.
Contact: mail: info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk or call 07901 58153 visit website farnham.foodbank.org.uk

DIOCESE NEWS - If you would like news and info from the Diocese, please sign up to their [weekly parish brief](#).

Bible Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 42.1-9

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Second Reading: Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name'

Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'