

News Sheet for Sunday 18th January – The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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 Chris for offering hospitality, and to Hazel for flowers – very much appreciated...

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 18th January

8am – Holy Communion– led by Rev Clive Richardson

10am – All Age Service – led by the Worship Team, refreshments after in the Hall

Hymns: Lord I come before your throne – 11 – 97 – 485 - 434

Lectionary: Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 40.1-12; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

The Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 next week's 8am Service as listed in the Magazine so **25th January - 8am NO service.**

OUR NEXT MESSY CHURCH SESSION, LOVE ONE ANOTHER, IS ON SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY from 4pm-6pm. As always, we would welcome a few more pairs of hands to help. There are various roles including putting out tables/chairs in the hall after morning refreshments, leading a planned activity, serving food, or clearing up (from 5.15pm). It would also be lovely to see you if you would like to experience the warmth of a Messy Church session. If you are able to offer help please email messychurch@cofewrecclesham.org.uk with an indication of what you would like to do.

Many thanks from the Messy Church team.

"PRAYING TOGETHER: 'A future and a hope' – a short time of prayer for our church and community after the 10am service. Dates for the next two months are January 25th and February 15th. Please speak to Carol or Kathryn for more information.

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 have regular Friday sessions at The Leverton Hall. "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 – 25th January

8am NO SERVICE; 10am – Parish 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@cofewrecclesham.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 49.1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength – he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel: John 1.29-42

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).