

News Sheet for Sunday 21st December – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 at the Carol Service - also to Chris Gray and the flower team, to Jill for offering hospitality this morning and Sue & Lizzy at the Carol Service, – all very much appreciated...

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 21st December

8am - Holy Communion - led by Rev Clive Richardson

10am – Christingle All Age Service (No Communion) – led by The Worship Team, refreshments in the Hall after

Lectionary: Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20; Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-end

The Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; 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, 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...

RIP We remember the family of John Danaher whose Funeral is here on January 5th at 10.30

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...

December Diary Dates

Wednesday 24th Crib Service 4pm – all welcome

25th Christmas Communion 10am

there is no Midnight Mass or 8am Service this year

**** Christmas Hamper – Raffle Tickets on Sale ****

£1 each - the Lucky Ticket to be drawn after the Carol Service this evening

We are unable to find Clergy cover for some 8am Communion Services as listed in the Magazine. Changes as follows:

28th December 8am - Morning Prayer

11th January 8am - Morning Prayer; 25th January 8am NO service.

UPDATE FROM THE PCC RE FINDING A NEW VICAR

"We continue to make progress, working with the Diocese to find a new vicar. It has now become clear that we will be unable to fund a full-time post and that to pay for a half-time vicar we will need to significantly increase our annual income. We believe this is achievable and we will be asking for your support in various ways over coming weeks and months."

Also – the Vicarage is NOT for sale! Estate Agents frustratingly leave "For Sale" signs for properties in Kings Lane on the corner outside

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

contact Kathryn on kathrynbeehive@gmail.com

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 28th December

8am - Morning Prayer; 10am Parish Communion followed by 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

Isaiah 7.10-16

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Second Reading: Romans 1.1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 1.18-end

The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.