

News Sheet for Sunday 25th January – The Third 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 Sue for offering hospitality, and to Hazel for flowers – very much appreciated...

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 25th January

8am - NO SERVICE

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

Hymns: – 223 – 605 – 740 – 368 - 273

Lectionary: Isaiah 9.1-4; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 Moira Davies, Stephanie & Norman Robinson, 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 Esme Sturt whose Funeral will take place here on 5th February

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...

WHAT IS SPECIAL TO YOU ABOUT ST. PETER'S CHURCH; WHAT DOES OUR CHURCH MEAN TO YOU?

As part of recruiting our new Vicar we would like as many people as possible to tell us. We will take some of these comments and include them in the Parish Profile which will be used to attract potential clergy to our Church. Please drop a couple of sentences to the PCC via vanda@cofewrecclesham.org.uk and help us to say what is great about St. Peter's.

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 can help email messychurch@cofewrecclesham.org.uk with an indication of what you would like to do. Many thanks from the Messy Church team.

WRECCLESHAM CONSERVATION GROUP has its second anniversary on 27 January. Volunteers are working in the churchyard twice a month, clearing brambles, bracken and litter, planting bulbs and plants good for pollinating, and uncovering graves. They conduct nature surveys and have plans to create a bee friendly border. The group has 75 members and also welcomes Duke of Edinburgh students to help on projects. St Peter's Church is very fortunate to have a partnership with such an active group and wishes to thank Myung-hye Chun and all the team for their ongoing hard work to make the churchyard such a beautiful space for nature.

JOURNEYING WITH JESUS TOWARDS EASTER – TAKETIME MEDITATIONS. There is the possibility of some evening Lent 'Taketime' meditation sessions, via zoom, if anyone is interested. These would be about 40 minutes of relaxation, paraphrased gospel narrative and meditation, on a mix of Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Time tbc. If you think you might like to take part, please get in touch with Kathryn as soon as possible to arrange dates and times, on kathrynbeehive@gmail.com or 07796 065396."

PRAYING TOGETHER: 'A future and a hope' – a short time of prayer for our church and community after the service, TODAY in the side chapel. We will allow 20 minutes for you to get refreshments before gathering. The next date is 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

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 1st February

8am Holy Communion **10.30am** – All Age Communion - Refreshments in church from 9.45am

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 9.1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.10-18

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.