

News Sheet for Sunday 30th November – The First 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 - also to Lizzy for offering hospitality, and to Jill for flowers this week – very much appreciated...

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 30th November

8am - Holy Communion – led by Rev Clive Richardson

10am – Parish Communion – led by Rev Helen Mitchell, followed by refreshments

Hymns: 399 – 51 – 469 – 40 – 270

Lectionary: Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 3.11-end; Matthew 24.36-44

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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...

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...

Upcoming December Diary Dates!

2nd - Advent Group 2pm; 16th - Community Choir Concert

21st Carol Service 6pm; 24th Crib Service 4pm; 25th Christmas Communion 10am

Christmas Hamper – please bring your donations this Sunday or drop off at 24 Buttermer Close early in the week. Tickets on sale at the Wassail!

***** CHRISTMAS WASSAIL - 7pm Saturday 6th December *****

**** With Festive Drinks & Nibbles****

**** Free Admission ****

Reserve your place today with David brace419@btinternet.com

CHURCH CLEAN UP for Christmas - next Saturday 6th from 12 noon

AFTERNOON ADVENT GROUP – Thank you to Steven, who led 11 of us in a very sociable and quiet seasonal reflection last week. Do join us for one, or both, of the remaining sessions, 2nd & 9th December 2- 4pm at 24 Buttermer Close, you will be most welcome.

WREATH MAKING SESSIONS THIS WEEK need a **HUGE AMOUNT OF FOLIAGE** to be collected and brought to church from Monday 1st December. We can cut it and collect if you are unable to! Evergreen foliage is good & variegated is especially lovely. Also help with setting up and serving refreshments. Please email vanda on vanda@cofewrecclesham.org.uk if you are able to help

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 December 14th. Please speak to Carol or Kathryn for more information.

A HUGE THANK YOU from NICKY HILL to EVERYONE involved in the planning, preparation and delivery of our Messy Church session last week. It was wonderful to welcome 35 visitors to the church, including returning families and some new faces. A great team of helpers pulled together in the lead up and on the day. Whether

it was setting up, running activities, preparing food or clearing up, everyone played their part to create a welcoming, fun and reflective atmosphere.

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

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 – 7th December

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

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 2.1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Second Reading: Romans 13.11-end

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel: Matthew 24.36-44

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'