

News Sheet for Sunday 7th December – The Second 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 Sue for offering hospitality, – very much appreciated...

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 7th December

8am - Holy Communion – led by Rev Clive Richardson

10.30am – Parish Communion – led by Rev Helen Mitchell, refreshments from 9.45 in Church

Hymns: 400 – 244 – 117 – 132 – 612

Lectionary: Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

The Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, 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!

9th – Final Advent Group 2pm; 16th - Community Choir Concert
21st Christingle 10am & Carol Service 6pm; 24th Crib Service 4pm;
25th Christmas Communion 10am

**** Christmas Hamper – Raffle Tickets on Sale today ****
£1 each - the Lucky Ticket to be drawn after the Carol Service

Unfortunately, we are unable to find Clergy cover for some 8am Services as listed in the Magazine. Some won't take place or will be slightly different. These are as follows:

14th December 8.00 NO service
11th January 8am Morning Prayer; 25th January 8am NO service.

A ST PETER'S THANK YOU to Vanda, who has put in an amazing number of hours this week, and **EVERYONE** who helped make the WREATH MAKING such a success.

HELP very much needed with refreshments for our 6pm Carol Service on December 21st. A couple of people are required to prepare mulled wine and mince pies beforehand and then leave the service before it ends in order to serve. Please speak to Kathryn.

PRAYING TOGETHER: 'A future and a hope' – a short time of prayer for our church and community after the service. The last gathering before Christmas will be on December 14th. Future dates tbc. 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

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 – 14th December

8am NO SERVICE 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

First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fating together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Second Reading: Romans 15.4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.