

News Sheet for Sunday 1st February – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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 Sam for offering hospitality, and to Wendy for flowers – very much appreciated...

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 1st February

8am - Holy Communion – led by Clive Richardson

10.30am – All Age Communion – led Rev Helen Mitchell, refreshments in Church from 9.45am

Hymns: 401 – 416 – Candlemas Song – 408 – 16 – 310

Lectionary: Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 24 (1-6), 7-10;1 Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40

The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 (now in a Neuro Rehab Centre at St Peter's Chertsey & making steady progress), Gerald Martin, Andrew Jones and for all who are poorly, and we 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 at 11am

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.

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, 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

"DAMSELS AND DRAGONS" - The Wrecclesham Conservation Group invites you to their first talk of 2026 - Francis Kelly from the British Dragonfly Society will speak about his quest to photograph GB's 40+ species - some in his Surrey garden, some 650 miles away. All welcome Sunday 1st February, 2pm at the Leverton Hall

BOURNE WOOD CARE HOME in West Street are hosting Winter Warmer Thursdays from 12.30.

Fresh soup, homemade bread and cake free of charge with an opportunity to be warm and meet new friends. See notice board by the Organ or contact Annie on 01252 941300 for more info.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM FARNHAM FOODBANK – to St Peter's for donating over 120kg of food last year, the notice is on the board by the Organ

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 8th February

8am - NO SERVICE; 10am – Holy Communion - Refreshments in the Hall after

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: Malachi 3.1-5

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2.14-18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.