

News Sheet for Sunday 22nd February – The First Sunday of Lent

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 Kathryn for offering hospitality,- very much appreciated...

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 22nd February

8am – Morning prayer – led by Steven Knowles

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

Hymns: 173 – 102 – How deep the Father's Love for us - 602 - 129

Lectionary: Genesis 2.15-17,3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5 12-19; 4.1-11

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 Bishop Andrew, see below, Moira Davies, Stephanie & Norman Robinson, Tim Sturt, 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...

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...

DAY OF PRAYER FOR BISHOP ANDREW IN GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

ON MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY, from 12 noon to 10.00pm

All are welcome and encouraged to join in at any stage during the day for as long as you are able to stay. There will be opportunity for silent prayer, to pray with others, or to light a candle. At 5.30pm, there will be the usual Choral Evensong, with prayers in particular for Bishop Andrew.

There is a copy of what is likely to be Bishop Andrew's last letter to the Diocese on the Noticeboard

We hope many of you will be able to join us next Sunday - we have the Archdeacon of Surrey, the Venerable Catharine Mabuza, celebrating and preaching at our 10.30am All Age Communion

**** Book your tickets– Quiz Night 7th March @7pm ** £15 per person to include Chilli supper and tea or coffee** Maximum of 6 per team – or come individually to make up teams. Bring your own nibbles and tipple. Fund raising Raffle **Please book a place with Vanda** vanda@cofewrecclesham.org.uk

“Please support our campaign to keep a Vicar in the Parish of Wrecclesham to lead the worship, the work, and the community of St Peter’s”

St. Peter's Church is entirely self-supporting. In order to fund a Vicar for Wrecclesham, we need to increase our income, from parishioners and the wider community, by at least another £25,000 per annum. Gifts can be made using this link which takes you to St Peter's Church Parish Giving Scheme page, or you can telephone 0333 002 1271, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, quoting parish number 170617058.

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/wrecclesham-st-peter-farnham>

Enhance your gift to St Peter's Church, through Gift Aid adding 25% to your giving, if you are eligible. Or please make a donation using the card machine at the back of the church.

We are very grateful for all donations - there is no donation too small

If you have any ideas or suggestions to help with our fund raising, please speak to the Churchwarden or a member of the PCC, or email

NEW TREASURER FOR ST PETER'S – CAN YOU HELP?? at the end of February, our Treasurer, Colin, is retiring. We need someone to take over the role. Colin will be able to hand over to you and give help and support

in the transition period. Please speak to me or any one of our PCC if you can help or know of anyone who can. Thank you. Gerald Blues 07831 352331

FEBRUARY is when we begin to collect annual subscriptions for the parish magazine. If you pick up your magazine from church, please give this year's sub - £7 - to Sue Davies. If you prefer to pay by bank transfer she will give you the church bank account details. With many thanks.

EASTER LILIES

If anyone would like to donate money towards the Easter Lilies, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please see Chris Gray

This Lent we have afternoon and evening opportunities for reflection –

LENT REFLECTIONS - Once again Frank & Christine are offering their home for lent reflections, led by Steven; Tuesday afternoons on 3rd, 17th & 31st March 2-3.30pm. We will have a little worship and some reflection and personal sharing informed by our pilgrimage of life and the journey of Jesus through the Holy Land. Please let Christine and/or Steven know, and you are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

JOURNEYING WITH JESUS TOWARDS EASTER” – WEEKLY TAKETIME MEDITATIONS DURING

LENT. this Wednesday 25th at 8pm, via zoom. (Zoom account not required. You just need to have online access). Sessions comprise 40 minutes of relaxation, paraphrased gospel narrative and meditation, with music. Dates are 8pm on, Weds 4th March, Weds 11th March, Thurs 19th March & Thurs 26th March. Come to as many or as few as you wish. If you think you might like to take part, please get in touch with Kathryn on kathrynbeehive@gmail.com or 07796 065396. To join session, click on <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78428734047?pwd=WklxtZiNCsyqeRWNwLuxvLbN2JnCdE.1> promptly at 8pm.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE –1st March

8am – NO SERVICE 10.30am – All Age Communion – with Refreshments in church from 9.45am

THE YOUTH CAFE meets on Wednesdays in term time 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@cofewrecclisham.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: Genesis 2.15-17,3.1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Second Reading: Romans 5.12-19

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore, just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.