

News Sheet for Sunday 22nd March – Fifth 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 Chris for offering hospitality – very much appreciated...

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 22nd MARCH

8am – Morning Prayer led by Steven Knowles

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

Hymns: 92- 569 – 368 – 77 - 48

Lectionary: Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45

The Collect Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Margaret Jeffery, Jenny Emberson, Moira Davies, Stephanie & Norman Robinson, Tim Sturt, Gerald Martin, Andrew Jones and for all who are poorly. We give thanks for the healing and ongoing wellbeing of all recovering and on the mend from illness...

RIP - we remember the family and friends of Bishop Andrew (Funeral Monday 23rd); and of Charmaine Whiteing, from the Over 60's

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 DATES & EVENTS ****

Messy Church - 4pm today

Sunday 29th March 3pm – Wrecclesham Conservation Group is hosting a very special talk from Restorer Danny about St. Peter's Churchyard Lychgate restoration – All are welcome

If you could kindly let Myung-hye know about your attendance in advance, that'll be very helpful.

Many thanks. Mhchun1728@yahoo.co.uk

**APRIL – 2nd Maundy Thursday 7.30pm – 3rd Good Friday 10am
5th Easter Day 8am; 10.30am First Sunday Service with Communion - don't forget to bring
noise making equipment with you!
Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bonnet Parade after the Service**

APCM - Sunday 19th after 10am Service

Saturday July 11th – Evening Harp Concert

Sunday July 12th - 'St Peter's Community Fair' 1.30 – 3.30pm, in the Church, Hall and Churchyard

THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR SIDES PERSONS WILL BE ON SUNDAY 29 MARCH after the 10am service.

We will bring through our coffees after the service and meet for about 15 minutes. This is an opportunity to hear updates and to raise any queries.

SPONSORED WALK FOR ST PETER'S CHURCH

Saturday 16th May 2026, leaving St Peter's at 10:00 and arriving at the Cathedral approx 3:30 to 4pm.

We can hopefully enjoy some prayer in the Lady Chapel if it is free and perhaps refreshments in the refectory. The full walk will be 12 miles in length, but for those who want a shorter walk they can join at Puttenham, or Watts Gallery on Down Lane.

What do we need to make this happen? Firstly, walkers and sponsors!

Also people prepared to bring the walkers back from the Cathedral afterwards or bring walkers back from parking their cars at the Cathedral at 09:00 in the morning.

The walk is open to all ages and will provide a wonderful fitness exercise for that week, along with lovely company, conversation & scenery enroute. Watch out for the sign-up sheet in church or email Steven Knowles

Stevenknowles1@gmail.com

“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”

An update on progress - we have received donations of approximately £4,000 so far and are very pleased with this good start to the campaign. We are most grateful for all contributions. 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

The Church Electoral Roll is being Revised prior to our Annual Meeting on 19th April. If you would like to join the Electoral Roll, please see the Notice Board & speak to Chris Wilkes by 28th March. The revised roll list of names will be published on 5th April

NEW TREASURER FOR ST PETER’S – CAN YOU HELP?? at the end of February, our Treasurer, Colin Durrant, retired. 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

THE FINAL AFTERNOON LENT REFLECTION – is Tuesday 31st March @ 2-3.30pm

JOURNEYING WITH JESUS TOWARDS EASTER” – WEEKLY TAKETIME MEDITATIONS DURING LENT. This Thurs 26th March, 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. 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=WkixtZiNCsygeRWNwLuxvLbN2JnCdE.1> promptly at 8pm.

NEXT SUNDAY’S SERVICE 29th March Palm Sunday

8am – No Service 10am – Parish Communion – with Refreshments in the Hall after

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@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](#).

Readings –

While we currently have so many notices, the Readings are on a separate sheet.

Bible Readings

First Reading Ezekiel 37.1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD

Second Reading Romans 8.6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel John 11.1-45

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has

fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him