

News Sheet for Sunday 26th July – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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, to Jill for organising refreshments and to Wendy for the flowers, they are much appreciated...

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8am – Morning Prayer - led by Steven Knowles

10am Parish Communion – Rev Sandy Cavalier, refreshments in the Hall after the Service

Lectionary: Genesis 29.15-28; Psalm 128; Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYERS FOR Jenny Emberson, Stephanie & Norman Robinson, Tim Sturt, Gerald Martin, and for all who are poorly. 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

Christopher Hallpike (*please let Julia 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...

SUMMER EVENING HARP CONCERT 7PM - SATURDAY AUGUST 1st ***Please note the change of date***

This promises to be a wonderful evening for St Peter's; we are very lucky to have Margaret Watson playing and talking about her beautiful full size Concert Harp for this fundraising event. Margaret has a really varied repertoire (from the Rolling Stones to Bach!) is an accredited lecturer for the Arts Society, gives lecture recitals throughout the UK and has played for royalty. Tickets £10 with Cheese & Wine, on sale from www.ticketsource.com/st-peters-church-wrecclesham or after 10am services

Praying together: a short time of prayer for the future of our church and community, in the side chapel, after the service **today Sunday July 26th**. Do get a coffee first.

HELPERS NEEDED: We urgently need more Sidespeople, Intercessors and Technical people. We have been running for a while with not enough of all. There is guidance/training available and none is onerous. On average, if we have enough people to share the work, Sidespeople help once every four weeks, Intercessors once every six weeks, and Technical people once every five weeks. Those interested please contact Gerald Blues at churchwarden@cofewrecclesham.org.uk or 07831 352331.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE PCC ABOUT THE RECRUITMENT OF A HALF TIME INTERIM PRIEST IN CHARGE OF WRECCLESHAM

"For the past few weeks, we have been working with the Diocese on a proposal for Wrecclesham to have a part time Priest-in-Charge, working half time in Wrecclesham, and having another part time role as Associate Minister for Families in the Bourne parish. They will be resident in our vicarage. This will be for 3 years initially, and we will need to continue our fundraising in order to fund the post. The PCC has unanimously agreed the proposal, and we are all really hopeful that this will be a very creative solution. We are looking at our 'job advertisement' being live in the summer, and subject to receiving suitable applications, interviews will be held in September.

We need to increase our income from parishioners and the wider community by at least another £25,000 every year to finance a part time Vicar. We are very grateful for all your donations and fundraising which have raised an additional £8,000 so far! We continue to seek donations on an ongoing or one-off basis towards our target. 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. If you would like further information or you have ideas for fundraising, please speak to a member of the PCC or email churchwarden@cofewrecclesham.org.uk

Thank you all for your support!"

Morning Prayer via zoom continues on Wednesdays at 8.30pm, **now using the Anglican form.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 9th Sunday after Trinity

8am No Service **10.30am** First Sunday Service (with Communion) - Rev Helen Mitchell. Refreshments 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 **Julia Davidson** 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 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

First Reading Genesis 29: 15-28

Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.'

So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Second Reading Romans 8.26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'