

News Sheet for Sunday 16th August – Eleventh 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 Lizzy for organising refreshments and to Chris G for the flowers, they are much appreciated...

THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICE – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion - Rev Clive Richardson

10am All Age Service - Worship Team, Refreshments in the Hall after

Lectionary: Genesis 45.1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11.1-2a,29-32; Matthew 15.(10-20)21-48

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Jenny Emberson, 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

Stephanie & the family of Norman Robinson

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...

Please join in our next **'Praying together'** after the service, **today**, Sunday August 16th – a brief time of prayer for the future of our church and community, in the side chapel, after coffee. Carol will be leading.

Our next fundraising event is the tea tent at **Gostrey Meadow's 'Music in the Meadow'** on Sunday August 23rd. If you are able to offer cakes or baked goods then please let Kathryn know by August 12th (kathrynbeehive@gmail.com), and do come along to enjoy an afternoon of feel-good classics of the 50s to modern favourites, from 3 – 5pm.

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 – 12th Sunday after Trinity

8am No Service **10am** Parish Communion - Rev Sandy Cavalier. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

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 45.1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Second Reading Romans 11.1-2a,29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel Matthew 15.(10-20)21-48

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.