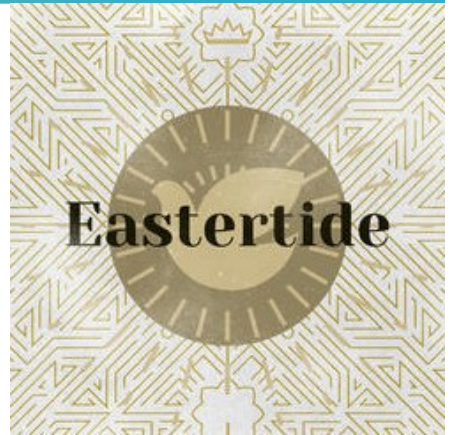


St. Peter's Church, Hershams

21st April 2024
The Fourth Sunday
of Easter

A very warm welcome
to
St. Peter's Church



Today's readings:

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Second Testament: I John 3:16-end

Gospel: John 10:11-18

8 am Holy Communion


9 am Breakfast Praise. A short, fun and interactive service, in church for young families followed by refreshments.

10.15 am Our term-time, God and Friends (GAF) group for primary school aged children meet in the Women's Institute Hall to get to know God and each other while having fun! Games, craft, time to reflect on how our Christian faith affects our lives.

10.30 am Parish Communion

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS: If you require a gluten free wafer for communion please let the sides people know when you arrive and inform the priest when you get to the altar rail.

THIS WEEK: Vicar off-duty Sunday 21 April

Mon 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 am• 7.30 am	Parish Office closed Morning Prayer Baptism Preparation in church
Tues 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7.45 pm	Curate's day-off Bell ringers' practice. Anyone interested in learning to ring, please call David Mealor on (01932) 220439 or come up the tower before the 10.30am service on Sundays.
Wed 24th	10 am 8 pm	Walton and Hershaw Foodbank in church PCC meeting in the Woman's Institute Hall
Thurs 25th	10 am  2 pm 7.45 pm	PRE-SCHOOL PRAISE: Come and join us in the Church Hall for action worship songs, a bible story and prayers, followed by refreshments and a chance for the adults to chat while the children play. All children of preschool age welcome – from newborns to 4 year olds! St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to a True or False Quiz. Refreshments available. Overcoming obstacles to sharing faith session (See notices)
Fri 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">••	Parish Office closed Vicar's day-off
Sat 28th	10.20 am	Somerset & Friends Bellringers ringing our church bells

We hold in our prayers the family and friends of our dear friend and colleague **ADELA FODDY** who died on the 9th April. Adela was a Licenced Lay Minister in St Peter's Church for many years and was a loved and respected colleague and friend. Her funeral will be held at St. Peter's Church on Monday 13th May at 12 noon.



NEXT SUNDAY: 28 APRIL

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8 am Holy Communion
- 9 am Breakfast Praise in church. A short, fun and interactive service, in church for young families followed by refreshments.
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- 10.30 am Parish Communion

NOTICES

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO SHARING FAITH: In church this Thursday 25 April, 7.45 - 9pm (refreshments served from 7.30pm). We recently asked you what the main obstacles that get in the way of sharing your faith with others are.



Thank you to everyone who filled in the questionnaire. The greatest obstacle for most people was 'Unsure of what to say' followed by 'don't know how to get started' and 'a lack of interest in the Christian faith by those I know'. If this is you then do join us for this session on how to overcome these obstacles on Thursday 25 April. Please let us know if you are intending to come along so we can ensure we have adequate materials. Email: vicar@stpetershersham.com. Jackie

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: We shall be meeting between 9am and 11am (ish) in St Peter's Church Hall, on Saturday 18 May. It's an opportunity for women to meet for a couple of hours of coffee, conversation and a croissant or two (or other, perhaps healthier, food options). This is not just for women from the St Peter's church family, we hope other women from our local community will also want to come along, so feel free to bring a friend.

NOTICES CONTINUED:

CHURCHYARD NEWS: We're well underway with improving the neglected space behind the doctor's surgery. The plan is to turn this area into a wild meadow, planted with wild flowers which will attract both insects and visitors. If you have any wild flower seeds (or you'd like to make a donation so we can buy some) we'd love to hear from you. You can either donate seeds via the parish office or distribute them yourself in the designated areas in the meadow. We will notify you when the area is properly prepared for you to scatter the seeds yourself. Hopefully in the next week or two. Normal Saturday churchyard maintenance will be suspended until mid-May when Lynne returns to oversee the project. In the meantime Ruth and Martin Horsey are coordinating and you can reach them at email martinhorsey@gmail.com. Thank you

ST. PETER'S CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL is our church's register of electors. In the same way that being on the civic Electoral Roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and local elections, joining our Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM - after the 10.30am service on Sunday 19th May) and stand for election to the PCC. Being on the Electoral Roll does NOT make you a "member" of the Church; simply regarding St. Peter's as your spiritual home does that. If you would like to have your name entered on the roll, please take a form from the back of church and return it to Sarah in the Parish Office (or put it in the Parish Office pigeon hole in church), no later than 4 May. You must be baptised, over 16 and have attended worship at St. Peter's for at least six months prior to enrolment. The current list is on the back table: if you're already on it you don't need to fill in another form.

Pray with us

God of mission, fill us with your Holy Spirit to show and share our faith and love in our community, and help us to grow as a church family. Amen

