

St. Peter's Church, Hershams

A very warm welcome to St. Peter's Church

23rd March 2025
3rd Sunday of Lent

Today's readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 55.1-9

New Testament: I Corinthians 10.1-13

Gospel Luke 13.1-9

- 8 am Holy Communion
- 9 am Breakfast Praise in church. A short, fun and interactive service 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 Church Hall for games, craft, time to reflect on how our Christian faith affects our lives.
- 10.30 am Parish Communion
- 11.30 am God and Friends leader's meeting

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:

Tue 25	12.30 pm 7.45 pm	Lunchtime Life Group / Burhill Road Bell ringers' practice. Anyone interested in learning to ring, please contact David Mealor on mealors@btinternet.com
Wed 26	10 am 7.15 pm 8 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church Life Group / West Grove PCC meeting in the Women's Institute Hall
Thurs 27	9 am 2 pm 7.15 pm 7.30 pm	Burhill School Year 2 Easter Experience in church St. Peter's Fellowship welcome Ian Goodall who will talk on "Great Women Scientists". Come along to the Women's Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hersham. Refreshments available. Life Group / The Vicarage Music Group Rehearsal
Fri 28	•	Vicar's day off / Parish Office closed

NEXT SUNDAY: 30 MARCH

4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

- 8 am Holy Communion
- 9 am Breakfast Praise in church (see page 1)
- 10.15 am Our term-time, God and Friends (GAF) (see page 1)
- 10.30 am Parish Communion
- 7pm Music to Calm the Soul: Join us for an hour or so of soothing sounds and classical music designed to ease away the stresses and strains of the week. Bring your friends, a cushion and your slippers. Refreshments served from 6.40pm. Next MtCtS is September 28th at 7pm.

On the anniversary of their death, we give thanks for the life of:

Sheila Brewster (25th)
Terry Hamlin (28th)



NOTICES:



DAFFODILS: We are hoping to give a bunch of daffodils with our Happy Easter wishes to everyone who attends the Hershams Centre for the Community next Tuesday 25th March? If you would be willing to help us fund this please place your donation in the plate at the back of church. If we receive enough donations we will also go out into the community on Sunday 6th April handing out daffodils as a random act of kindness with our Happy Easter wishes. Thank you for your support.

CONFIRMATION: This year we are delighted to be hosting Bishop Andrew and the Deanery Confirmation service at St Peter's at 5pm Sunday 22 June. During May and June, we will be holding Confirmation Preparation courses for adults and also young people aged 11+ years, who attend and worship at St Peter's Church. If you are interested and feel ready to make this commitment, then please do speak to Deborah Lock (Licensed Lay Minister LLM), who will lead the course for young people, or Jackie: vicar@stpetershersham.com

Preparation dates for adults

28 May Vicarage 8 - 9.30pm

4 June Vicarage 8 - 9.30pm

15 June in church 3 - 5pm



Preparation dates for young people

11 May Women's Institute Hall (WI) 4 - 5.30pm (pick up from church)

25 May WI Hall 4 - 5pm

1 June WI Hall 4 - 5pm

and 15 June in Church 4 - 5pm

The young people need to attend each session, so please discuss with Deborah if there are any issues with the dates. Also please do contact Deborah: debslock@yahoo.co.uk if you also want to find out further details about the course.

Our **ELECTORAL ROLL** is completely renewed every six years and the next new roll is due this year. Each person entitled to have his or her name entered on the new roll must complete a new form which is available in church, on the website and from the parish office. The Electoral Roll is St. Peter's 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 the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Sunday 25 May) and stand for election to the PCC. Being on the Electoral Roll does NOT make you a "member" of our Church; simply regarding St. Peter's Church as your spiritual home does that. If you're a regular at St. Peter's Church, you should be on the electoral roll!

We also hope that you will connect with our ministry and mission by either joining a home group, volunteering in some way in our ministry and mission, or supporting our work and ministry financially.

To apply for the Electoral Roll you must meet all the following conditions:

- You must be aged 16 or over (though you can apply in the year you become 16 and your name will be entered once your birth date has passed).
- You must be baptised.
- You must be a member of the Church of England and EITHER live in the parish OR have attended St. Peter's Church regularly for at least six months.

Please complete a form today and leave it in the Parish Office pigeon hole in church or post it in the Parish Office post box, outside the Church Hall.

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

