

# St. Peter's Church, Hersham

**4th May 2025**  
**The Third Sunday of**  
**Easter**



**A very warm welcome to**  
**St. Peter's Church**

## **Readings:**

**First Reading:**                      **Zephaniah 3.14-end**

**New Testament:**                **Acts 9.1-20**

**Gospel:**                                **John 21.1-19**

8 am              Holy Communion

9 am              Breakfast Praise in church. A short, fun and interactive service for young families followed by refreshments. (If you'd like to join our helpful support team for this service please speak to Vicki after the 8am service or email her at [vicki.routh@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.routh@gmail.com) Your role would include setting up the space and coffee before the service, being an extra pair of hands to keep everyone safe and clearing down at the end. If you'd prefer to help with leading the singing and stories we'd also like to hear from you. Come and join the fun!

10.30 am        Church Family Worship

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

**THIS WEEK:** Jackie is on her post Easter break returning to work on Saturday 10th May

Mon 5	•	Bank Holiday Monday / Parish Office closed
Tues 6	10.30 am  7.45 pm	A day later than usual, come along to St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Hersham Centre for the Community, Queens Road. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age or gender so join us for a chat. Unless it's a Bank Holiday we meet on the first Monday of the month. In June we'll meet on Monday 2 Bell ringers' practice
Wed 7	10 am 7.15 pm 7.15 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church Life Group / West Grove Life Group / Vicarage Group at Havers Avenue
Thurs 8	2 pm  8 pm	St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to an 80th Anniversary of VE Day talk with Neil Mach. Come along to the Women's Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hersham as a warm welcome awaits you. Refreshments available. Our Men's Group are meeting in The Bricklayers Arms, 6 Queens Road, Hersham for a drink and a chat. Bring any male friends you feel might like to join in. They don't have to be church attendees. It's a local group for men to have a discussion and get to know one another better.
Fri 9	•	Parish Office closed
Sat 10		



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

Chis Gray (8th)



## NEXT SUNDAY: 11 MAY

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8 am Holy Communion
- 9 am Breakfast Praise in church - (see front page)
- 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
- 4 pm **Church in The Churchyard: Cornerstone**

Do come along to the churchyard for this new and exciting service. During the summer months we are holding a creative, intergenerational service in the Churchyard on the 2nd Sunday of each month. This is suitable for young and old, but please note we will be moving around in the Churchyard.

Additional dates for your diary:

June 8 / July 13 / August 10

### Talking of the churchyard:

Now that the weather is improving we're continuing our plans to improve and maintain the churchyard as somewhere worthy of those laid to rest there. If you are able to help with tidying the Churchyard on Saturday afternoons 2pm to 4pm please email Lynne Watson at [safeguarding@stpetershersham.com](mailto:safeguarding@stpetershersham.com) We have a friendly, dedicated but small team of helpers so there's always room for more to join in. It is also our intention to ensure graves are kept neat and tidy. Please consider signing up to Adopt a Grave: weeding a specific grave or a number of graves in a designated area. In November we planted a hedge (which has just started to produce leaves) behind Hersham surgery and last Bank Holiday Monday our churchyard team continued their efforts of turning this neglected area of grass into a wildflower meadow, planting it with seeds which will grow into colourful flowers attracting both insects and visitors. We also hope to put in convenient benches so passers-by can stop, rest and enjoy the space. Do come and have a look at what has been achieved so far, it looks great!

## NOTICES:

**LIFE GROUPS NEXT TERM:** Starting this week we are following on from “Practicing The Way” with four sessions which include videos and readings to explore more about the practice of prayer. Learning to set aside dedicated time to intentionally be with God. Tuesday lunchtime is full but there are still spaces on Wednesday evenings from 7.15pm to 9pm starting on 7 May (there’s a sign-up sheet at the back of church). We will meet every two weeks during the summer term, ending with a joint celebration on the 16th July. We will follow the same format as before in that everyone brings something to eat and we start by sharing a simple meal together. For more information please contact the Parish Office (01932) 253452 or [theoffice@stpetershershams.com](mailto:theoffice@stpetershershams.com) If you are able to host and/or lead on an additional day there’s a sign-up sheet for that too. We’d love to hear from you.

Our **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. There are certain conditions you must meet but these are all highlighted on the form. 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. Please leave your form in the Parish Office pigeon hole in church or post it in the Parish Office post box, outside the Church Hall.

**You need to have completed your form by Thursday 8th May,  
you will not be able to add your name after it closes.**

## NOTICES

**EVANGELISM HUB:** Please join us for our next St. Peter's Evangelism Hub on Saturday 17 May from 10am – 1pm (refreshments from 9:30am). Evangelism is about ordinary people in their everyday lives sharing their faith in simple ways and we would love to be able to empower everyone to do this. There is no need to have attended our previous sessions, as we meet together termly to learn, pray, have fellowship together and consider our role as Christians in our lives outside church Monday to Saturday. In this session we will focus on how to craft and share our own faith stories and explore ideas for how to invite others. "If someone asks about your faith as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way." 1 Peter 3:15-16



**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:** We will be meeting between 9am and 11am (ish) in St Peter's Church Hall on the following Saturdays: 24 May, 16 August and 1 November. The Women's Breakfasts offer 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). They are a time for sharing our news, asking questions (big and small), making friends or just sitting quietly, away from the bustle of a usual Saturday morning. Feel free to bring your friends.

**LOST PROPERTY:** Please check the cupboard at the back of church (under the pigeonholes) for anything that might be yours. We have an assortment of water bottles, reading glasses and other bits and bobs. Anything not claimed will be taken to the charity shop. Thank you



**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](mailto: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](mailto:debslock@yahoo.co.uk) if you also want to find out further details about the course.

To save any disappointment make a note in your diaries. **GOSPEL TOUCH CHOIR** are returning to St. Peter's on Saturday 22nd November at 7.30pm. We had such a fantastic sell-out concert last year that we've asked them back. Watch this space for tickets...



**PLANNED GIVING:** If you are not already in our planned giving scheme and you would like to join please scan this QR code. If each person who doesn't currently give regularly could commit to give just £20 per month (which is about the cost of a coffee a week), it would make a huge difference. Obviously the more you can give, the more difference it will make, but the most important thing is to give by

standing order, or via the parish giving scheme, (details from the QR code) so we can plan for the future. If you are able to gift aid your donations, they are worth 25% more to us at no additional cost to you. Thank you.

Vicar	Rev. Jackie Richardson	vicar@stpetershersham.com (01932) 253452 Usually off-duty Fridays
Parish Office	Sarah Tourell	theoffice@stpetershersham.com (01932) 253452 Monday to Thursday
Church Hall and Women's Institute Hall bookings	Hannah Sizer	bookings@stpetershersham.com



# Join us in prayer as we seek to appoint a new Children and Families' Coordinator

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you and in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Lord, we ask you to send the right person for this job, a person who, at this time in his/her life, is your perfect choice to fill this position. We pray for them to have the Fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control) in



abundance so that they can give out those gifts into the lives of the families and young people they will work with.

Amen.

The vacancy is advertised on the flier at the back of church. Please pass to any friends you feel may be interested. Full details on the website.

## 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

