

St. Peter's Church, Hersham

11th May 2025
The Fourth Sunday
of Easter

A very warm welcome to
St. Peter's Church

Readings:

First Reading: Acts 9.36-end

New Testament: Revelation 7.9-end

Gospel: John 10.22-30



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.

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- 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 and 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
- 4 pm Confirmation Preparation for young people. 4pm to 5.30pm in The Women's Institute Hall. (Pick-up from church). You are welcome to stay on after Evening Prayer in Church (finishes 5.30pm) and join in with TAG. Deborah will ensure there are refreshments and snacks to keep you going until 7pm.
- 5 pm Youth led Evening Prayer in church followed by TAG (Teenagers and God) our youth group for 11 years and above. 2nd Sunday of the month. Meet for games, snacks and fellowship. For more details contact Deborah Lock 01932 703175. (Pick-up from Church Hall at 7pm)

THIS WEEK:

Mon 12		
Tues 13	11 am 7.45 pm	Funeral of Patricia Hargroves in church Bell ringers' practice
Wed 14	10 am 8 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church Meeting of the Standing Committee
Thurs 15	11 am 2 pm	Service at Burwood Grange Care Home We've a treat in store for you today! St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to an afternoon of music with pianist Peter Toth: A former pianist at a prestigious music and performing arts academy in the Czech Republic. According to SurreyLive, Peter Toth lived in Ostrava and for 20 years played piano for the ballet department at the Janacek Conservatoire for the Arts. Mr Toth plays entirely from memory. Come along for what promises to be an excellent afternoon of music. Bring your friends, everyone welcome.
Fri 16	•	Parish Office closed
Sat 17	10am to 1pm	EVANGELISM HUB: Please join us (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

NEXT SUNDAY: 18 MAY

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

We welcome Nick Stewart (occasional preacher and churchwarden at St. Mary's and St. John's, Walton on Thames) who is going to preach at our 8am and 10.30am services today.

8 am Holy Communion

9 am Breakfast Praise in church - (see front page)

(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 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!

10.15 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

12:30 pm Baptism of Iris

NOTICES

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





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.

CHURCHYARD NEWS:

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 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

40% Wildflowers - 60% Grass

Grass Species Mix, Corn Annuals Mix, Agrimony, Betony, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Bulbous Buttercup, Common Knapweed, Common Sainfoin, Common Trefoil, Devils Bit Scabious, Field Scabious, Great Knapweed, Lady's Bedstraw, Meadowsweet, Musk Mallow, Oxeye Daisy, Ragged Robin, Red Campion, Salad Burnet, Selfheal, Small Scabious, Vipers Bugloss, White Campion, Wild Carrot, Yarrow, Yellow Rattle,

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 on 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!



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.

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

