

St. Peter's Church, Hersham

18th and 25th May 2025
The Fifth and Sixth Sundays
of Easter



A very warm welcome to
St. Peter's Church

Readings:

First Reading: Acts 11.1-18

New Testament: Revelation 21.1-6

Gospel: John 13.31-35

We welcome Nick Stewart (occasional preacher 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. 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

12:30 pm Baptism of Iris

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: Parish Office closed

Mon 19		
Tues 20	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 21	10 am 7.15 pm 7.15 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church Life Group / West Grove Life Group / The Vicarage
Thurs 22	2 pm	St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to an afternoon of joyful music in the Women's Institute Hall. We will be singing favourite hymns accompanied on the piano by our very own honorary director of music Lynn Skrzpecka. Do come along and bring your friends, everyone welcome.
Fri 23	12.15 pm	The wedding of Tariq and April. Please pray for this couple as their wedding day approaches
Sat 24	• 9 am until 11 am (ish)	Vicar's day off in lieu of Friday Women's Breakfast: We will be meeting in St Peter's Church Hall for The Women's Breakfast which offers 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. Future Saturdays are 16 August and 1 November.



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

Franklin Rice (23rd)



NEXT SUNDAY: 25 MAY

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings:

First Reading: Acts 16.9-15

New Testament: Revelation 21.10,22-22.5

Gospel: John 14.23-29

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
(see front page)

10.30 am Parish Communion

If you are on the electoral roll do stay on after the service for our Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) when we look back and celebrate the high points of last year as well as look forward to the priorities of the year ahead. This will be followed by a short meeting of the PCC.

4pm Confirmation Preparation for young people. 4pm to 5pm in the Women's Institute Hall.

NEXT WEEK:

Mon 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">••	Bank Holiday Monday / Parish Office closed No Circle of Prayer
Tues 27	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 28	10 am 8 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church Adult Confirmation Preparation in The Vicarage... (see below)
Thurs 29	2 pm 7.30 pm	St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to a talk by Peter Smith "What's in a Name"? Weeds, Worts, Fairies, Fables and Folklore. Do you know your Kingcup from your Granny's Nightcap? Come along to the Women's Institute hall and find out more as a warm welcome awaits you. Bring your friends, everyone welcome. Music Group rehearsal in church
Fri 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">••	Vicar's day off Parish Office closed
Sat 31		

...**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 please contact 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



NEXT SUNDAY: 1 JUNE

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

8 am Holy Communion

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

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10.30 am Church Family Communion

3 pm Pastoral Care Team Afternoon Tea at The Vicarage

4pm Confirmation Preparation for young people. 4pm to 5pm in the Women's Institute Hall.

NOTICES

Come along to **ST. PETER'S COFFEE MORNING** at Hersham Centre for the Community, Queens Road. Monday 2 June at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age so join us for a chat. Unless it's a Bank Holiday we meet on the first Monday of the month.



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

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 number of graves in a designated area. In November we planted a hedge (which has just started to produce leaves) behind Hersham surgery and our churchyard team have 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!

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,



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.



ST. PETER'S T-SHIRTS: If you wore a St. Peter's T-shirt when we delivered the daffodils during lent please return it to the parish office. A number of them have not made it back to the box in which they live. Many thanks.

Vicar	Revd. 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 (closing date 6 June). 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

