

# St. Peter's Church, Hersham

**17th August 2025**  
**9th Sunday after Trinity**

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

**Readings:**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 5.1-7

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 11.29-12.2

**Gospel:** Luke 12.49-56

8 am Holy Communion

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

10.30 am Parish Communion

**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.

## 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



**THIS WEEK:** Vicar on leave Monday to Saturday inclusive

Mon 18		
Tue 19	7.45 pm	Bell ringers' practice: We really need some new ringers at St. Peter's and would like you to consider joining the team. Most people can learn to ring bells in the traditional way practiced at St Peter's and about 5,000 other Churches in the UK. Children from age 12 can easily be taught; there are as many female as male ringers. If you are interested in learning to ring please contact David Mealor on 07484 225951 or email mealors@btinternet.com
Wed 20	10 am	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church
Thurs 21	7.30 pm	Summer workshop rehearsal
Fri 22	•	Parish Office closed
Sat 23		

**NEXT SUNDAY: 24 AUGUST 2025**

**10th Sunday after Trinity**

- 8 am Holy Communion
- 9 am Breakfast Praise in church (see page 1)
- 10.30 am Parish Communion

**Prayer group:** Did you know that each week after the 10.30 am service a small group of people meet in the Lady Chapel to pray? If you would like to join them at anytime you would be most welcome. You don't have to say anything if you don't feel comfortable praying out loud. If you have any specific prayer requests, either to pray for someone, or something, or also to give thanks to God for something, you can ask them to include your requests in their prayers, or you can write your prayer on a leaf on our prayer tree for them to see.

## NOTICES:

**TEA/COFFEE:** If you would like to help provide this valuable opportunity for fellowship on future Sundays please shadow someone on the rota and they will show you what to do. You will then be able to sign-up and help share the task. There are a lot of gaps so please have a look at the rota and see when you might be able to help. Thank you



**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.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE FOR TEENAGERS AND GOD (TAG):**

Starting on Sunday 14 September our TAG group will split into two groups as follows:

#### **For 11-14 year olds**

Every 2nd Sunday of the month, we'll meet in Church for the 10.30am service, and during the second hymn we will go into the side room for some Bible study time. An extra social date will be arranged once a term.

#### **For 15+ years**

Every 2nd Sunday of the month, we'll be meeting for evening prayer and Bible study, fun games and fellowship between 5pm-7pm, forming a house group. Please contact [debslock@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:debslock@yahoo.co.uk) for details of venue.

## CHURCHYARD NEWS:

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.

The hedge we planted behind Hersham doctor's surgery is coming along and our churchyard team continue their efforts of turning this neglected area of grass into a wildflower meadow. They've planted it with seeds which have grown into colourful flowers attracting both insects, bats and visitors.

Huge thanks are extended to our churchyard team who installed six memorial benches in the churchyard last week. These benches have been donated by families in memory of someone dear to them. We hope you will enjoy them and use the churchyard as a spiritual retreat from the busyness of your daily life.



## NOTICES:

**GOSPEL TOUCH - TICKETS ARE SELLING WELL:** Last year's event was fantastic so we're thrilled that Gospel Touch are returning to St. Peter's Church for another of their joyous, heart-warming concerts: Saturday 22 November at 7.30pm. Book your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Last year's concert sold-out, and they're selling well already! As one of the world-leading gospel choirs, Gospel Touch have performed at St James' Palace for King Charles and Queen Camilla, at the Olympics Closing Ceremony, at the BAFTAs with Paloma Faith, on Songs of Praise at the BBC, in the Cadogan Hall and much more. Their repertoire spans traditional gospel music and vocal arrangements of feel-good pop and soul songs. Their motto is 'Touching Lives, One Song at a time' and we are delighted that they are returning to St. Peter's to sing in our beautiful church. Raffle and refreshments available. We are most grateful to the Charity of Robert Phillips for their donation helping us deliver this concert to you. Pop it in your diary and tell your family and friends.

**Tickets £15, under 16s £5**

**Available from: John Cramp after the 10:30am service today**

**The Parish Office**

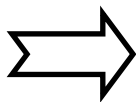
**☎ (01932) 253452**

**✉ [theoffice@stpetershersham.com](mailto:theoffice@stpetershersham.com)**

**Ticket Source**

**(scan this QR code**

**or on the poster at the back of church)**



**Alan Greenwoods Funeral Directors,  
13 Molesey Road, Hersham, KT12 4RN**



**LIFE GROUPS:** As we continue to grow as a church, we pray that our congregation grows in fellowship, faith and spirituality as well as numerically. We aim to equip everyone as Christians during the whole week, not just on Sundays. Our small life groups meet regularly to eat, pray and study the bible. We use a simple method of looking at the sermon and bible passage of the week, so there's no homework and you don't have to be an expert. Everyone brings something to eat and we start by sharing a simple meal together. All that's required is a willingness to share, or explore your faith as we grow together in faith, spirituality and fellowship. If you would like to join a Life Group please sign-up on the sheet at the back of church and we will let you know about dates and venues. Or, if you haven't yet done the Bible Course and you would like to learn more about the bible you can sign up for our course starting on the 17th September. Details overleaf. You can sign-up on the sheet at the back of church, via the website or using the QR code on the poster in the news sheet.



**SPIRITUALS:** On Sunday 14 September at 10.30.am our music group will lead our worship with the 'Spirituals' they have been rehearsing during the summer workshop. This is sure to be a special service, so do put it in your diary. The collection this day will be going to Elmbridge CAN a community-based, volunteer

-powered charity located in Elmbridge. Their mission is to welcome and support people fleeing terror in their home countries, enabling them to build a new life in Britain. Please bring cash with you as we will have a bucket collection after the services. Thank you.



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17<sup>th</sup> September  
1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October  
5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November  
3<sup>rd</sup> December  
14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January



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**A MESSAGE FROM MELISSA:** As part of my role as Children and Families Minister at St. Peter's, Hersham I will be running Tots Praise every Thursday morning during term time starting on 11<sup>th</sup> September. Tots praise is for 0-4 year-olds and their carers. It starts at 10am until 11.30am in the church hall with some action songs, a Bible story, a prayer candle, puppet and instruments, followed by a time for parents to chat over refreshments while their children play with toys. Please share this information with anyone you know who may like to come along.

In order for this to be a time of good relationship building with the families, I am looking for some volunteers. The parents stay to watch their children, but I will need some people to go on the rota to help with sign-in and serving teas and coffees and there will be an opportunity to read the Bible story for those who would like to do so! If you are available and willing to help (or give it a try!), I would love to hear from you. My email is [children@stpetershersham.com](mailto:children@stpetershersham.com) or speak to me after the service. Thank you

# TOTS PRAISE

FOR 0-4 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR  
CARERS



AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH HALL  
BURWOOD ROAD, HERSHAM KT2 4AA

**THURSDAYS 10-11.30AM**  
during term time

**STARTING 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**



Join us for  
songs, stories, instruments  
and refreshments

Free of Charge  
and  
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