

St. Peter's Church, Hersham

7th, 14th and 21st September 2025
12th, 13th and 14th Sunday after Trinity

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

Readings:

First Reading: Jeremiah 18.1-11

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14.25-33

- 8 am Communion by Extension
- 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 resumes in the Church Hall for games, craft and time to reflect on how our Christian faith affects our lives.
- 10.30 am Communion by Extension

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 Thursday 11 - reopening Monday 22 September: no pew-sheet for Sunday 14 or 21 September

Mon 8	•	Vicar on leave
Tue 9	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 10	10 am 8 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church PCC meeting in the Women's Institute Hall
Thurs 11	10 am	Our first session of Tots Praise

TOTS PRAISE

FOR 0-4 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR
CARERS

AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH HALL
 BURWOOD ROAD, HERSHAM KT12 4AA

THURSDAYS 10-11.30AM
 during term time

STARTING 11TH SEPTEMBER



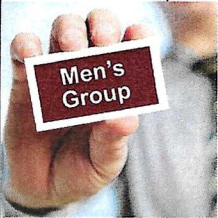
Free of Charge
and
no need to book!



Join us for
songs, stories, instruments
and refreshments

children@stpetershersham.com



Thurs 11	2 pm	St. Peter's Fellowship: Come along to the Women's Institute Hall for a talk by Major (Retired) Paul Whittle TD, on "Toy Train to the Clouds - The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway". The 55 mile British-built narrow-gauge line to Darjeeling climbs almost 7,000 feet into the Himalayas – a remarkable engineering feat and a UNESCO world heritage site. As the Vice-Chairman of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway society, Paul is well qualified to tell us all about the railway's history, operations and the current challenges it faces. Refreshments afterwards.
	8 pm	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.
	7.30 pm	Summer workshop rehearsal
Fri 12	•	Vicar's day off
Sat 13	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: 14 SEPTEMBER 2025 13th Sunday after Trinity

- 8 am Holy Communion
- 9 am Breakfast Praise in church (see page 1)
- 10.15 am God and Friends (GAF) (see page 1)
- 10.30 am Parish Communion with spirituals:



THE SPIRITUALS

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. There will be a retiring collection this day for 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.

5 pm TAG (see below)

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 for details of venue

NEXT WEEK: Parish Office closed - reopening Monday 22 September:
 No individual pew-sheet for Sunday 14 or 21 September
 Vicar on leave Friday 19 to Saturday 27 September inclusive

Mon 15	10.30 pm	A team of visiting ringers, The Wandering Bobs, will be ringing our church bells.
Tue 16	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 17	10 am 7.30 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church Do come along to the first session of The Bible Course in church - see notice on page 8
Thurs 18	10 am 2 pm	Tots Praise - see page 2 St. Peter's Fellowship: Come along to the Women's Institute Hall for a talk by Jonathan Jones on Stanley Holloway – "With a Little Bit of Luck". The talk covers Stanley Holloway's life and career and how it was influenced by three men – Lesley Hensen, Marriott Edgar and William Shakespeare. It is interspersed with readings of his comic monologues.
Fri 19		
Sat 20		

SUNDAY: 21 SEPTEMBER 2025 14th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Communion by Extension
 9 am Breakfast Praise in church (see page 1)
 10.15 am God and Friends (GAF) (see page 1)
 10.30 am Communion by Extension

FOLLOWING WEEK:

Vicar on leave Friday 19 to Saturday 27 September inclusive

Mon 22		
Tue 23	7.45 pm	Bell ringers' practice If you are interested in learning to ring please contact David Mealor on 07484 225951 or email mealors@btinternet.com
Wed 24	10 am	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church
Thurs 25	10 am 2 pm	Come along to the Church Hall for Tots Praise For 0-4years old and their carers - see notice on page 2 St. Peter's Fellowship: Come to the Women's Institute Hall for a talk by Jonathan Jones on Stanley Holloway – "With a Little Bit of Luck". The talk covers Stanley Holloway's life and career and how it was influenced by three men – Lesley Hensen, Marriott Edgar and William Shakespeare. It is interspersed with readings of his comic monologues.
Fri 26		
Sat 27		

NOTICES:



THE TRUE STORY OF ODETTE HALLOWES:
We're delighted to announce that A Little Green Leaf, an original, one-act play inspired by the true story of Odette Hallowes and her time as an Special Operations Executive agent and Holocaust survivor is coming to Whiteley Village. Tuesday 9 September 2025 at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm), Whiteley Village Clubhouse and Village Hall.
Tickets approx. £18 bookable via the website www.alittlegreenleaf.com

"A Little Green Leaf tells the story of Odette, not only as a spy but as a woman whose choices, guided by humanity and light in the face of unimaginable suffering, shaped her survival. Honoured with the George Cross for her bravery, Odette dedicated her post-war life to honouring the women whose stories could no longer be told. She helped establish the Woman of the Year Award and worked tirelessly to speak for her fallen comrades. Our hope is to share Odette's story with the world, sparking new conversations about the Holocaust, fascist oppression, and what "peace" truly means in today's world. With your support, A Little Green Leaf will give Odette's voice a platform, spreading light where peace and hope can grow." The Community Café will be open before the show for drinks and light snacks.

The ashes of Lorna and Richard Espenhahn are being interred in the Lawn of Remembrance on Sunday 12 October after the 10:30am service at approx. 12:15pm and you are welcome to attend.



Are you curious to find out more about the Bible?

YOU ARE INVITED TO


THE BIBLE COURSE


Exploring God's word one step at a time.

Join us at St. Peter's, Hersham on eight Wednesday evenings 7.30 - 9pm as we explore The Bible Course.


Find out more about the course at biblesociety.org.uk/thebiblecourse

**17th September
1st and 15th October
5th and 19th November
3rd December
14th and 28th January**

A photograph of St. Peter's Church in Hersham, showing its stone structure and a tall, pointed spire.

The Bible Society logo, featuring a blue circle with the words "BIBLE SOCIETY" around a central white cross.

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Surrey. KT12 4AA
www.stpetershersham.com

Book Here A QR code with a blue header that says "St Peter's Church". An arrow points from the text "Book Here" to the QR code.

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Music to Calm the Soul

28th September at 7pm

Refreshments served from 6.40pm

Join us for an hour or so of soothing sounds and classical music designed to ease away the stresses and strains of the week. Bathe yourself in the relaxing candlelit atmosphere of our beautiful church and feel your worries drift away. An oasis of calm in a busy world

28 September / 26 October / 30 November

Beginning at 7pm on the last Sunday of the winter months, Music to Calm the Soul is an escape for anyone who wants to take time out in a place of peace and tranquillity where our own clamour is silenced and the presence of God can be savoured, if only for a moment.

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GOSPEL TOUCH - TICKETS ARE SELLING WELL, WE'VE SOLD OVER 100 ALREADY!!

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. 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. Book your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Last year's concert sold-out.

Tickets £15, under 16s £5

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

The Parish Office

☎ (01932) 253452

✉ theoffice@stpetershersham.com

Ticket Source

(scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church or this one)

**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.

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.



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

NOTICES CONTINUED:

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 11th September.

Thank you to those people who have come forward to help me get this group started in September. I am now particularly in need of people who can make and serve tea and coffee for the parents. I would like to have a rota in place so that I am not having to ask people to commit every week. The more volunteers I have on the rota, the more flexibility there is in making the rota work for everyone.

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 or speak to me after the service. Thank you, Melissa.

THE BENEFACT TRUST exists to make a positive difference to people's lives by funding, guiding and celebrating the work of churches and Christian charities. We thank them for their generous contribution towards the work of Melissa our Children and Families Minister. Melissa officially joining the team this month is the start of a really exciting project for us and we are grateful for the Benefact Trust's support.



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

