

# St. Peter's Church, Hersham

**14th and 21st September 2025**  
**13th and 14th Sunday after Trinity**

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

**Readings:**

**First Reading:**      **Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28**

**Second Reading:**   **1 Timothy 1.12-17**

**Gospel:**              **Luke 15.1-10**

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 resumes in the Church Hall for games, craft and time to reflect on how our Christian faith affects our lives.

10.30 am   Parish Communion with spirituals: Our music group will lead our worship with the 'Spirituals' they have been rehearsing during the summer workshop. There will be a retiring collection 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. There will be a cash/bucket collection after the services. Thank you.

**TAG**      Teenagers and God (see overleaf)...

## **SUNDAY: 14 SEPTEMBER CONTINUED... 14th Sunday after Trinity**

**TAG TEENAGERS AND GOD:** Starting today 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. The address is 4 Crutchfield Lane, Walton on Thames, KT12 2QZ. Please contact [debslock@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:debslock@yahoo.co.uk) for more details.

**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.

**NEXT WEEK:** Parish Office closed - reopening Monday 22 September:

No individual pew-sheet for Sunday 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. 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

Thurs 18	10 am	Tots Praise
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# 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 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**



Free of Charge  
and  
no need to book!



Join us for  
songs, stories, instruments  
and refreshments

[children@stpetershersham.com](mailto:children@stpetershersham.com)



	2 pm	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	•	Vicar's day off

**SUNDAY: 21 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**14th Sunday after Trinity**

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

## **FOLLOWING WEEK:**

Vicar on leave until 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   7.30 pm	Come along to the Church Hall for Tots Praise For 0-4years old and their carers - see notice on page 3 St. Peter's Fellowship: Come to the Women's Institute Hall for a talk by Nigel Crompton on "History of the British Fire Service", following the development of fire fighting from the earliest known forms through social changes, the Industrial revolution, two world wars and modern day. Also the role of women in fire fighting especially during the Great War. Music Group rehearsal
Fri 26		
Sat 27		

## **SUNDAY: 28 SEPTEMBER 2025**

## **15th 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
- 12.30pm Baptism of Chloe
- 7pm Music to Calm the Soul: Join us for an hour or so of soothing sounds and classical music designed to ease away the stresses and strains of the week. Bring your friends, a cushion and your slippers. Refreshments served from 6.40pm. Additional dates: 26 October and 30 November.

## NOTICES:

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](http://biblesociety.org.uk/thebiblecourse)

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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# St. Peter's Church, Hersham

## 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](mailto: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**

## NOTICES:

### **FANTASTIC NEWS!**

We're totally thrilled to say that Tristan will be joining us next June as our curate. Please pray for Tristan, his wife Laura and their daughter Hattie as they prepare to move to Hersham.

### **HELLO FROM TRISTAN:**

Hi! We're Tristan, Laura and Hattie, and are so excited that God has called us to serve the parish of St. Peter's, from next year!

I was born in the coastal town of Broadstairs and started singing in my church choir as soon as I was allowed, aged 7, and was studying to be a classical pianist before feeling called to the priesthood. (This nearly didn't happen after I set my surplice alight one Easter vigil!) After reading Theology at Cambridge, I 'fell into' teaching Philosophy, Theology, English, and Music in various secondary schools, whilst serving as my church organist.

In 2013 I met Laura and she and I were married in 2015, after which time we moved to Bookham. We welcomed our beautiful, funny, imaginative, daughter, Hattie (Harriet) on Advent Sunday, 2019.

As my pastoral roles at school developed I began to feel the nagging sense of vocation again, so went forward for ordination a couple of years ago and then, in 2023, gave up teaching to take on the role of Rising Generations Pastor at Leatherhead Parish Church — where I've continued to serve, whilst training for ordination at Trinity College, Bristol, and studying for an MA in Theology, Ministry and Mission.

In my spare time, I love writing — I'm a performed playwright, and have published four novels, some poetry, and philosophy books, and directed some short films, and one feature. I don't do sport. Except tennis. And that, badly. (I also played netball for my college's mixed team, but I think they just needed more men to make up the numbers. I was terrible).



Laura grew up in Stoneleigh and, aside from her time at university, has always had a KT postcode. Called to the charity sector, Laura works as a Specialist for Compassion UK — who partner with local churches across the globe to lift children out of poverty in Jesus' name. In her free time, she loves literature, music, and board games. Especially if accompanied by a cheese platter and some gin (as long as it isn't Gordon's).

Hattie fell in love with Hersham via Piglets café which we discovered a few years ago and, although sad to see it go, the zipwire playground opposite St. Peter's will likely become her second home! She loves foxes, reading, climbing, and swimming, and is looking forward to making lots of new friends here. Her toy fox (pictured) is called Tee Tee.



## NOTICES:

**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.

**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

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.



**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.

## 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

