

St. Peter's Church, Hersham

14 December 2025

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



Readings:

First Reading:	Isaiah 35.1-10	OT 673
Second Reading:	James 5.7-10	NT 233
Gospel:	Matthew 11.2-11	NT 10

8 am	Holy Communion
9 am	Breakfast Praise (see page 2)
10.15 am	Our term-time, God and Friends (GAF) (see page 2)
10.30 am	Parish Communion

For 11-14 year olds

Every 2nd Sunday of the month. During the sermon slot we will move into the side room for some festive fun, including a Christmas quiz

4 pm	Join us in church for CHRISTINGLE , a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope.
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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:

Mon 15		
Tue 16	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 17	10 am 1 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church Bell Farm School Carol Concert
Thurs 18	9.15 am 10.15 am 7.30 pm	Burhill School Christingle Burhill School Christingle Christmas Choir rehearsals in church
Fri 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • 	Parish Office closed Vicar's day off

NEXT SUNDAY: 21 DECEMBER

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 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 to get to know God and each other while having fun! Games, craft, time to reflect on how our Christian faith affects our lives.
- 10.30 am Parish Communion
- 5 pm Christmas Choir rehearsal
- 6.30 pm Our traditional candle-lit service of nine lessons and carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies



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

Eric Cramp (20th)



NOTICES:

MINCE PIES: Our annual service of nine lessons and carols takes place on 21 December (see page 2). If you are able to provide some mince pies (usual size or small bite size pies) for the refreshments afterwards please speak to Lulu (222617) or bring them to church with you on Sundays or leave them in the Parish Office. Thank you.



Our monthly **THURSDAY MORNING COMMUNION** service is held on the first Thursday of each month at 11am and is followed by coffee and biscuits. The first Thursday of 2026 is New Year's Day and so our regular attendees of this service have agreed we will not meet then, but will resume on 5 February.

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



NOTICES:



Our Christmas charity collection this year will go to **RENTSTART**. Their Community Engagement Manager has said “For over 25 years Rentstart has been working with local people facing and experiencing homelessness. We help to house around 100 people every year, and provide support and direction for 700 people. This year has seen a sharp increase in local street homelessness, and we continue to support and house those in our community who need somewhere to call home’. You can either donate cash, or via the card machines as ALL donations collected from our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will go to Rentstart. Thank you.

ST. PETER’S WEBSITE: WWW.STPETERSHERSHAM.COM

A great way to keep yourself (and your family and friends) updated with what’s going on at St. Peter’s is through our website. It’s packed full of useful information so do go online and take a look. There are details of upcoming events, our services, groups and courses, plus previous news sheets should you want to catch up on anything you’ve missed. It really is a great way to let people know what we have to offer so do share the website address with people you know.

ST. PETER’S FELLOWSHIP will be open for tea/coffee and a chat with friends between 2pm and 3.45pm on Thursdays 8, 15, 22 and 29 January. The usual weekly programme of get togethers will resume on Thursday 5 February in the Women’s Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hersham. Come along and meet new friends as a warm welcome awaits you. Every Thursday from 2pm until 3.45pm for fun, fellowship and refreshments. The programme is varied and includes: Quizzes / live music / poetry / cream teas and interesting talks from visiting speakers. If you’ve not been before give it a try, you’ll be very welcome.



Ring the changes

Bell ringing: a great tradition

New skills, new friends,
new places, all ages

Join the band!

St Peters Church, Burwood Road

Bell Details

8 bells

Ringling Times

Tuesday 7.45 pm
Sunday 10am

Contact

David Mealor
via church office
01932 253452

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- ✓ The world's heaviest & loudest musical instruments - exhilarating!
- ✓ For all faiths and none with no need to be musical or strong



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BELL RINGERS

Christmas Word Search

Amen	Jesus
Angel Gabriel	Joseph
Angel	Journey
Bethlehem	Magi
Bible	Manger
Camel	Mary
Christ	Myrrh
Christmas	Nine lessons and carols
Church	Peace
Donkey	Prayer
Emmanuel	Scripture
Frankincense	Sheep
God	Shepherd
Gold	Son of God
Herod	Star
Holy Spirit	Wisemen
Inn Keeper	Worship

Words to help you think about the Christmas story.
Good luck with finding them all.

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D	R	O	I	J	E	Y	E	C	B
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YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME TO OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

CHRISTMAS EVE:

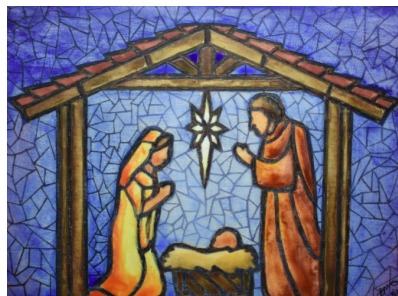
Our Nativity at 12 noon on Vauxmead Field (opposite St Peter's Church) with live donkey. We will go ahead outside come rain, or shine, so please bring appropriate warm clothing.

The Crib Service at 5pm in church: A lovely start to Christmas for young and old. As we sing Christmas carols, the children will help us tell the story of the first Christmas, using our beautiful Crib figures. Children (or adults) may come dressed in a nativity costume if they wish.

Midnight Mass join us at 11.15pm to share the first Holy Communion of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Family Communion at 10.30am: An intergenerational Christmas Communion Service



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

