

St. Peter's Church, Hersham

**21 December 2025
(and 28th December)**

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



Readings:

First Reading:	Isaiah 7.10-16	OT 646
Second Reading:	Romans 1.1-7	NT 147
Gospel:	Matthew 1.18-end	NT 1

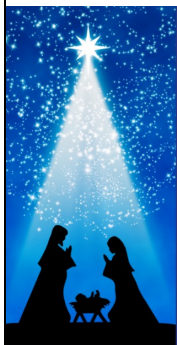
- 8 am Holy Communion
- 9 am Breakfast Praise in church. A short, fun and interactive service for young families, followed by refreshments.
- 10.15 am Our term-time, God and Friends (GAF) group for primary school aged children meet in the Church Hall to get to know God and each other while having fun! 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



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 REOPENING 5TH JANUARY.

There will not be a pew sheet on Sunday 4 Jan.

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 12 noon	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church OUR NATIVITY 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.
	5 pm	THE CRIB SERVICE 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 (and adults) may come dressed in a nativity costume if they wish.
	11.15 pm	MIDNIGHT MASS join us to share the first Holy Communion of Christmas
Thurs 25	10.30 am	FAMILY COMMUNION An intergenerational Christmas Communion Service
Fri 26	•	Vicar off-duty

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.

NEXT SUNDAY: 28 DECEMBER**The First Sunday of Christmas**

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

NEXT WEEK: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Mon 29	•	No Circle of Prayer - see notices
Tue 30	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 31	•	Foodbank closed
Thurs 1	•	No Communion - see notices
Fri 2		
Sat 3		

NEXT SUNDAY: 4 JANUARY**Epiphany**

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	Church Family Communion

NOTICES:

TOTS PRAISE: for 0-4 years and their carers, meet in the Church Hall 10am to 11.30am for songs, stories, instruments and refreshments. Resumes Thursday 8 January.

Our term-time, **GOD AND FRIENDS (GAF)** group for primary school aged children meet in the Church Hall at 10.15 am to get to know God and each other while having fun! Games, craft, time to reflect on how our Christian faith affects our lives. Resumes Sunday 11 January.

NOTICES:

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.



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.

There is no **CIRCLE OF PRAYER** on Monday 29 December. The next one will be held at 2.30 on the 26th January. A prayerful, peaceful afternoon of fellowship, where we typically reflect on a reading, talk about what it means to us and spend some time together in silent prayer. We finish with a cup of tea and a chat. We meet at 2:30pm - 3:45pm in the Women's Institute Hall on the last Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome!



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.

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

