

St. Peter's Church, Hershams

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

**15th February 2026
Sunday before Lent**

Today's readings:

Old Testament:	Exodus 24.12-end	OT 72
New Testament:	2 Peter 1.16-end	NT 234
Gospel	Matthew 17.1-9	NT 17

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

11.30 am Come and join us on Vauxmead field for **PANCAKE RACES**. Races for all ages, starting at approximately 11.30am. Refreshments served on the field after the service for participants and spectators. Participants please wear suitable sturdy footwear. Bring your own frying pan if you wish.



GLUTEN FREE WAFERS: If you require a gluten free wafer for communion please let the sides people know when you arrive and inform the priest when you get to the altar rail.

THIS WEEK: Jackie off-duty Saturday 21st to Friday 28th Feb inclusive

Tue 17	12.30 pm 2 pm 7.45 pm	Lunchtime Life Group / Burhill Road Funeral of Sheila Jackson in church Bell ringers' practice.
Wed 18	10 am 10 am 7pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church. Imposition of ashes and Holy Communion at our Ash Wednesday services: St. Mark's Church, Whiteley Village. St. Peter's Church.
Thurs 19	2 pm 7.15 pm	St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to a talk/presentation by Geoff Saunders called "All I ask is a Tallship". Come to the Women's Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hersham. Home Group meeting at The Vicarage for Swedish Bible Study - see notices
Fri 20	•	Vicar's day off / Parish Office closed
Sat 21	9am	Women's Breakfast (see notices)

NEXT SUNDAY: 22 FEBRUARY

First Sunday of Lent

There is no 8 am service today as Jackie is away, but do come along to the 10.30am service where Revd Barry Hengist will preside.

- 9 am Breakfast Praise in church for young families (page 1)
- 10.15 am Our term-time, God and Friends (GAF) group for primary school aged children meets in the Church Hall for games, craft, time to reflect on how our Christian faith affects our lives.
- 10.30 am Parish Communion
- 7 pm Music to Calm the Soul. 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.

NOTICES:

Earlier this week **BISHOP ANDREW** wrote to clergy and others in the diocese to share the very sad news that he has been diagnosed with inoperable cancer. Having only just received this diagnosis, Bishop Andrew is currently awaiting further information regarding medical options to support his comfort and care. Please join with all of us in holding Bishop Andrew, Beverly, and their family in your prayers at this particularly challenging time. A copy of the statement and Bishop Andrew's letter is available on the diocesan website www.cofeguildford.org.uk

HOME GROUPS: After Easter our sermon series will look at characters of the Old Testament, and what we can learn from their lives, their faith and their struggles and you are invited to come along. Before Easter



we are going to meet fortnightly on Wednesdays & Thursdays from the 19 February, using the Swedish Bible Study, from 7.15 pm to 9pm. We will follow the same format as before in that we start by sharing a simple meal together. Dates and sign-up sheets are at the back of church.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: We will meet between 9am and 11am (ish) in St Peter's Church Hall on Saturday 21 February. The Women's Breakfasts offer an opportunity for women to meet for a couple of hours of coffee, conversation and a croissant or two (or other, perhaps healthier, food options). They are a time for sharing our news, asking questions (big and small), making friends or just sitting quietly, away from the bustle of a usual Saturday morning. The Breakfasts are not just for women from the St Peter's church family, we hope other women from our local community will also want to come along, so feel free to bring a friend. Future dates: 23 May, 15 Aug, 31 Oct.



GIVING: If you would like to financially support the work of our church please scan this QR code.
Thank you.

Easter Services - dates for your diary.

29 March **Palm Sunday:**

10.15am - Procession from The Green

10.30am – Parish Communion

4 pm - All Age Easter Service in The Churchyard

30 March: **Monday**

8pm – Tenebrae Service of Shadows

2 April **Maundy Thursday:**

8pm – Holy Communion

3 April **Good Friday:**

10am – All Age Worship

Followed by Walk of Witness

11am – Service on The Green

Followed by hot cross buns at All Saints Church

2pm – An hour at the Cross

5 April **Easter Day:**

6am – Sunrise Service

9am Breakfast Praise for young families

10.30am – Family Communion

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

