

St. Peter's Church, Hershams

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

**29th March 2026
Palm Sunday**



8am Holy Communion

9 am Breakfast Praise in church. A short, fun and interactive service for young families. Followed by refreshments.

10.15 am Procession from The Green

10.30 am Parish Communion


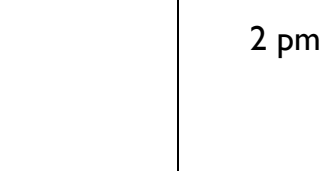
4 pm Do come along to the churchyard for the first in this year's Church in the Churchyard services. During the summer months we will be holding an exciting and creative intergenerational service in the Churchyard at the end of the month. Join Jackie today for a scavenger hunt to tell the Easter Story and Easter Egg Hunt. This is suitable for young and old, but please note we will be moving around in the Churchyard.

Additional dates for your diary: 26 April, 24 May, 28 June, 26 July and 23 August.

(GAF - God and Friends resumes on Sunday 19 April)

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:

Mon 30	11 am 2.30 pm 8 pm	<p>Funeral of Jackie Horwood in church</p> <p>Circle of Prayer (see notices)</p> <p>Tenebrae Service of Shadows: We will be joined by our music group, for a beautiful Tenebrae service. The word Tenebrae is the Latin word for 'darkness', or 'shadows' and during the service after each reading and piece of music a candle will be extinguished. The atmosphere at this service is always very moving so do come.</p>
		
Tue 31	12.30 pm 3 pm 7.45 pm	<p>Lunchtime Life Group / Burhill Road</p> <p>Funeral of Sylvia Mills in church</p> <p>Bell ringers' practice.</p>
Wed 1	10 am	Walton and Hershams Foodbank in church.
Maundy Thursday 2	Morning 2 pm 8 pm	<p>Jackie at The Cathedral</p> <p>St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to a talk/presentation by Trevor Brook on Newlands Corner. Come to the Women's Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hershams. Refreshments served afterwards.</p> <p>Our Maundy Thursday communion service with foot washing (we already have volunteers for this), followed by the stripping of the altar. You may leave after the service, or stay for The Watch (until 10 pm).</p>
Good Friday 3	10 am	<p>All Age Worship: Our short all age service will be followed by a Walk of Witness through Hershams following the cross to the Memorial Gardens, stopping at All Saints church on the way. This will be followed by Hot Cross Buns in All Saints Church Hall. Children/buggies all very welcome.</p>
		<p>2 pm Our stations of the cross service in church leads us to Jesus' last hour at the cross.</p>

NEXT SUNDAY:

Easter Sunday 5 April	6 am	SUNRISE AND COMMUNION SERVICE: We will meet outside the Church in darkness and light the Easter fire. As the sun rises we will bring the Easter candle into St Peter's and fill the church with the light of many candles that we each hold, as we celebrate turning from darkness to the light of Christ. After this service we will serve teas/coffees and bacon rolls (vegetarian option will be available) in the church hall to reward ourselves for getting up so early
	9 am	BREAKFAST PRAISE: Our young families celebrate Easter in our short/interactive Easter Breakfast Praise
	10.30 am	FAMILY COMMUNION: In this service we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with the whole church family



NOTICES:

CIRCLE OF PRAYER: 30 MARCH. Join us for 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!

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. We will meet fortnightly on Wednesdays & Thursdays, 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.



NOTICES:

CHURCHYARD NEWS: Now that the weather is improving we're continuing our plans to improve and maintain the churchyard as somewhere worthy of those laid to rest there. Please email Lynne Watson at safeguarding@stpetershersham.com if you are able to help with clearing and tidying of the Churchyard on Saturday afternoons 2pm to 4pm. Do come and have a look at what has been achieved so far, it looks great with all the spring flowers! The benches are positioned so you can enjoy listening to the birds; take some time out to enjoy the peace and tranquility of the space. It is also our intention to ensure graves are kept neat and tidy. Please consider signing up to Adopt a Grave: weeding a specific grave or a number of graves in a designated area.

PIANO SIT: Tristan, our new curate and his family are due to move to Hersham in the next few months but don't have room in their new home for their piano. Rather than let it go or store it, would you like to piano sit for three years? If you play the piano or are having lessons it would be ideal. Make: Steinhoven. Condition: Mint. Bought new in September 2017. (It will need a tune after being moved). Dimensions: 143cm wide x 140cm long (but leave 210 cm for length including the piano stool and room to sit at it!). The removals firm will drop it to you. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested and Sarah will send you photos of the piano and a video of it in use.

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