

St. Peter's Church, Hersham

17th May 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter

A very warm welcome to
St. Peter's Church



Old Testament:	1 Samuel 24:1-19	OT 276
New Testament:	Acts 1.6-14	OT 114
Gospel:	John 17.1-11	NT 108

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 for games, craft, and time to reflect on how our Christian faith affects our lives

10.30 am Parish Communion with the Baptism of Noah, Barney and Lilah.

If you are on our electoral roll do stay on for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) when we look back and celebrate the high points of last year as well as look forward to the priorities of the year ahead. This will be followed by a short meeting of the PCC.

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 18		
Tue 19	7.45 pm	Bell ringers' practice. Anyone interested in learning to ring, please contact David Mealor on mealors@btinternet.com
Wed 20	10 am 7.30 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church. Baptism Preparation in church
Thurs 21	10 am	
	2 pm	St. Peter's Fellowship's invite you to the Women's Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hersham where Jonathan Jones gives a talk on Laurie Lee, His Life and Works. Refreshments served afterwards.
	7.15 pm	Home Group meeting at The Vicarage for Old Testament Characters
Fri 22	•	Vicar off-duty Parish Office closed
Sat 23rd	9am 2 pm	Women's Breakfast (see notices) Commonwealth War Graves Tour in the churchyard (see notices). Free - but you must book a space.

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

Franklin Rice (23 May)



NEXT SUNDAY: 24 MAY

Pentecost

- 8 am Holy Communion
- 9 am Breakfast Praise in church. (see page 1)
- 10.30 am Parish Communion
- 4 pm During today's Church in The Churchyard we will explore Pentecost and the Holy Spirit. During the summer months we will be holding this exciting and creative intergenerational service in the Churchyard at the end of the month. This is suitable for young and old. Additional dates for your diary: 28 June, 26 July and 23 August.

NOTICES:

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: We will be meeting in St Peter's Church Hall this Saturday 23 May 9am until 11am (ish) for The Women's Breakfast which offers 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. Feel free to bring your friends.



16th to 24th May 2026

We invite you to discover, learn and remember about the lives of the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth commemorated by the CWGC.

Join us at:

Hersham (St Peter's)
Churchyard

On the following date:

23 May 2026, 2pm

Find out more and book
your free ticket

www.cwgc.org/war-graves-week



or scan the QR code

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WAR GRAVES WEEK



**BISHOP PAUL TO LAUNCH GATHERINGS ACROSS THE DIOCESE:
AN invitation to all parishes in Emly Deanery to a gathering on
Tuesday 14 July 7.30pm-9pm.**

This is the invitation from Bishop Paul:

I write to extend an invitation to you. As you may know, I have set three key priorities for the coming two years: prayer, pastoral care and a sharper focus on our 'priority of priorities', namely deepening discipleship (including revitalisation) and investing wholeheartedly in children and young people.

As part of this, I am holding special gatherings in each of our 12 deaneries to enable me to meet, pray and worship with our clergy and congregations. I would be delighted if you would join me at the Emly Deanery Gathering which will be held at Holy Trinity Claygate on Tuesday 14 July from 7.30pm to 9pm, with tea and coffee served from 7pm. Everyone will be welcome.

Although the past months have held deep sadness, my heart has also been lifted by the remarkable signs of God's grace I have witnessed across the diocese. Our time together will include thanksgiving, a celebration of what God is doing in each parish in Emly Deanery, prayer for the specific needs of your ministry and parish, worship and a few reflections from me on what I sense God may be saying to us in this season.

Finally, if you would like to join us but cannot make the date, you are most welcome to attend any of the other deanery gatherings. I very much look forward to meeting you and to what I am praying will be an uplifting and memorable evening together.

Every blessing
+Paul

The Rt Revd Paul Davies
Bishop of Dorking and Acting Bishop of Guildford

No booking is required. Visit www.cofeguildford.org.uk for alternative dates and venues. Please attend the gathering for our deanery if you can but, if this is not possible, you are welcome to attend any of the other meetings. Sarah has a list in the Parish Office.

NOTICES:

A message from Deborah Lock: Dear Parents and Carers, During June and July, we will be holding a 4-session course for preparing children to receive Holy Communion, who attend and worship at St. Peter's Church. If you think your child is ready to make this commitment, you are invited to discuss this with Jackie: vicar@stpetershersham.com

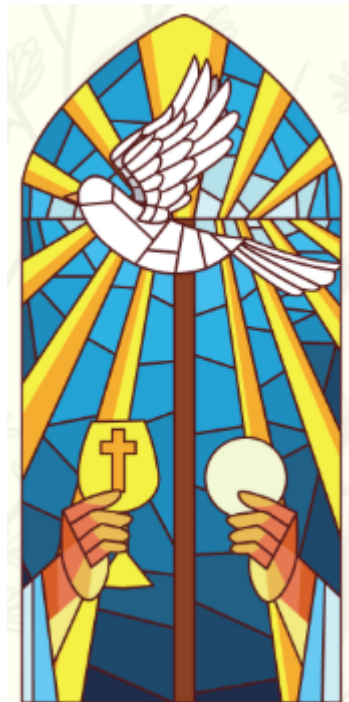
The course will be led by Deborah Lock our Licenced Lay Minister (LLM). The preparation sessions will be held on the following Sunday afternoons:

7 June	Women's Institute Hall 4-5pm
28 June	Women's Institute Hall 4-5pm
5 July	Women's Institute Hall 4-5pm
12 July	Church 4-5pm

The service of admission to Holy Communion will be confirmed shortly.

Children are expected to attend all the sessions accompanied by at least one parent/carer to support them and there will be take-home activities to encourage further discussion during the week. Please do contact Deborah:

debslock@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to find out further details about the course.



HELP US PROMOTE OUR CHURCH



- We're still growing our online presence! We have new followers on Facebook and Instagram where we share our news, highlight community life, and reach those who might not yet know us - or God's love.
- Why we're doing this: In today's world, many people first meet a church online. By sharing our events and uplifting stories, we can invite more people to discover our community and deepen their faith.
- How you can help: Please follow our pages, and whenever you see a post - like it, comment, and share it. These simple actions help more people see our messages and feel connected.
- Every click makes a difference. The more engagement we have, the more our posts reach local people who might be searching for a place to belong, or to explore their faith.



Find and follow us! Please look for St Peters Hershams on Facebook and Instagram, invite your family and friends to follow too, and keep interacting with our posts - it's one of the easiest ways to share our faith and community online. 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.

NOTICES:



PLANNED GIVING: If you would like to support the work of our church 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. Thank you.

EASYFUNDRAISING - How you can help the Friends of St Peter's projects without costing you a penny?



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You can help fund the Friends mural restoration project through your on-line spending and it is an easy way to raise funds without costing you. Easyfundraising, is the UK's biggest charity shopping site. Easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 brands (e.g. Marks and Spencer, Sainsburys, Tesco, British Airways, Tui, John Lewis, go compare to name a few) who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It does not cost you anything, as the cost is covered by the brand. If you would like to help, please go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>. Once you have registered an account, then you are able to select the causes you would like to support – to find us type in Hersham PCC. You should then be all set to go! So before you shop on-line go first to Easyfundraising and find the brand and go from there to the brands website and you can help the Friends' project through your purchases. There is also an app available which you can download from the Apple or Google play stores if that works better for you. Thanks for your support.

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.

