

St. Peter's Church, Hershams

24th May 2026
Pentecost

A very warm welcome to
St. Peter's Church



Old Testament:	1 Kings 18:16-39	OT 335
New Testament:	Acts 2.1-21	NT 115
Gospel:	John 20.19-23	NT 112

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

4 pm During today's Church in The Churchyard we will be on Vauxmead field (opposite the church).

This Pentecost service is suitable for all ages and will involve kite making and toasting marshmallows over a firepit as we think about the Holy Spirit arriving as wind and fire on the day of Pentecost.

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

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 25	• 2.30 pm	Bank Holiday Monday Circle of Prayer (see notices)
Tue 26	12.30 am 7.45 pm	Lunchtime Life Group / Burhill Road Bell ringers' practice. Anyone interested in learning to ring, please contact David Mealor on mealors@btinternet.com
Wed 27	10 am 12 noon 7.30 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church. Funeral of Eric Shurmer at St. Mark's Church Baptism Preparation in church
Thurs 28	2 pm	St. Peter's Fellowship's invite you to the Women's Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hersham for an afternoon of poems led by Marion Burnham. Refreshments served afterwards.
Fri 29	• •	Vicar off-duty Parish Office closed
Sat 30		

NEXT SUNDAY: 31 MAY**Trinity Sunday**

- 8 am Holy Communion
- 9 am Breakfast Praise in church (see page 1)
- 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 A special 5th Sunday narrated Holy Communion service



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.

NOTICES:

CIRCLE OF PRAYER: 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! Although 25 May is Bank Holiday Monday, circle of prayer will go ahead as planned.



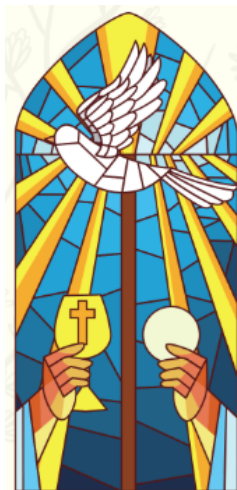
A message from Deborah Lock: Dear Parents and Carers, During June and July, we will be holding a 4-session course for preparing children to receive Holy Communion, who attend and worship at St. Peter's Church. If you think your child is ready to make this commitment, you are invited to discuss this with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



SMALL TOKENS, BIG DIFFERENCE AT WAITROSE: Pick up a green token at the checkout and support St. Peter's Community Café.



NOTICES:



HELP US PROMOTE OUR CHURCH

- We're still endeavouring to grow 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 Hersham 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!

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.

