

St. Peter's Church, Hershams

7 June 2026
First Sunday after Trinity

A very warm welcome to
St. Peter's Church



Old Testament:	Jonah 1:1-17	OT 874
Gospel:	Matthew 9:9-13,18-26	NT 8

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
4 pm	Holy Communion Preparation in the Women's Institute Hall - see notice on page 3.

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: VICAR OFF DUTY RETURNING 22ND JUNE

Tue 9	12.30 am 7.45 pm	Lunchtime Life Group / Church Hall Bell ringers' practice. Anyone interested in learning to ring, please contact David Mealor on mealors@btinternet.com
Wed 10	10 am	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church.
Thurs 11	• 2 pm	Tots Praise. Please note today's session will not go ahead due to a lack of volunteer availability. However we will be back again in the church hall next week at 10am, Thursday 18 June. St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to an afternoon of live music. Two guitars accompany a female vocalist singing 60s and 70s songs. Come to the Women's Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hersham. Refreshments served afterwards.
Fri 12	•	Parish Office closed
Sat 13	3.45 pm	Visiting Bell Ringers from Rochester ringing our church bells



NEXT SUNDAY: 14 JUNE

Second Sunday after Trinity

We welcome Revd Stuart Sadler will preside at our 8am and 10.30am service today as Jackie is away.

- 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 Parish Communion

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.

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.



NOTICES:

THE IAN ENGELMANN SINGERS (Musical Director: John Tudhope) are returning to St. Peter's for their summer concert on Saturday 20th June at 7pm. Sacred and secular songs from the sixteenth to the twentieth century for unaccompanied voices with readings both serious and light-hearted. Including works by Duruflé, Monteverdi, Tallis, Victoria and Wilbye. Admission free but there will be a retiring collection to cover their expenses.

WELCOME CELEBRATION:

Our new curate Tristan is being ordained at Guildford Cathedral on Sunday 28 June at 10.30am and you are all welcome to attend. Please note our service of Holy Communion this day will be at 8am. There will be no communion at 10.30am but Deborah Lock will be holding a service of "Songs of Praise" here at St. Peter's.



Tristan's first Sunday with us will be the following Sunday 5 July so do come along to hear him preach at the 8am and 10.30am services. Join us in The Vicarage garden after the parish communion service 11.30am to 1.30pm where we will enjoy prosecco and cake. There will be a bouncy slide for the children (and adults if you wish). We are really looking forward to celebrating with you and welcoming Tristan, Laura and Hattie to a whole church family to get together.

CAKES: If you are able to make a cake or small cakes for this event please sign-up on the sheet at the back of church and bring them with you on the day. Thank you.

**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.

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2026 Summer Workshop

Rehearsals 7:30pm

July 17th, 23rd, 30th

August 6th, 13th, 20th

September 4th, 10th

Service

Sunday 6th September 10:30am

Sunday 13th September 10:30am

Contact our organist Rob Stafford to sign up now!

Calling all singers!

Our wonderful music group welcome you to join us this summer in learning 4 amazing songs which focus on Eco Church and Creationtide.

robstaffordmusic@gmail.com



ORGAN RESTORATION FUND CONCERT:

Our church organ is in desperate need of restoration and we are hosting this concert in an effort to raise the outstanding amount. Please make a note of the date in your diary, tell your family and friends. Entrance is free but we ask that you give generously to the retiring collection.

Eve Stafford (our organist Rob Stafford's cousin) is an award winning soprano from Limerick, celebrated for her exquisite voice and elegant stage presence. Trained under renowned vocal coach Olive Cowpar, Eve's artistry seamlessly blends classical sophistication with contemporary style. Eve has won all major awards at Féile Luimnigh and Feis Máitiú. In 2024, she released her debut album Songbird, featuring the No.1 single The Room Next Door, written by Brendan Graham (lyricist of You Raise Me Up) and Denis Carey. Eve's recent sold out classical crossover concerts at The Woodlands Hotel and Saint Mary's Cathedral have further established her as one of Ireland's most sought-after vocalists. Beyond the concert stage, Eve performs regularly as a soloist with the National Concert Hall's Health & Harmony program, bringing the beauty of music to care settings across Ireland.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HERSHAM
PROUDLY PRESENTS

SONGBIRD

AN EVENING WITH ACCLAIMED
IRISH SOPRANO EVE STAFFORD



Accompanied by
Robert Stafford

*An international concert
celebration uniting the
distant Stafford musical family*

Saturday, 8th August | 8pm

*Classical favourites,
opera arias, & traditional songs*

Retiring collection in aid of the
St. Peter's Church Organ Restoration Fund



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.

