

# St. Peter's Church, Hershams

**21 June 2026**  
**Third Sunday after Trinity**

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




We welcome Revd Barry Hengist who will preside at our 8am and 10.30am service today as Jackie is on annual leave.

<b>Old Testament:</b>	<b>Esther 4:1-17</b>	<b>OT 459</b>
<b>New Testament:</b>	<b>Romans 6.1b-11</b>	<b>NT 152</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Matthew 10.24-39</b>	<b>NT 10</b>

- 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

**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:**

Tue 23	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 24	10 am 7.15 pm	Walton and Hershams Foodbank in church. Home Group meeting at 29 West Grove for Old Testament Characters
Thurs 25	10am  Tots Praise          2 pm	 <p><b>TOTS PRAISE</b> FOR 0-4 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR CARERS AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH HALL BURWOOD ROAD, HERSHAM KT12 4AA <b>THURSDAYS 10-11.30AM</b> during term time Join us for songs, stories, instruments and refreshments Free of Charge and no need to book! children@stpetersherham.com</p> <p>St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to a General Knowledge Quiz in the Women's Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hershams. Refreshments served afterwards.</p>
Fri 26	•	Vicar's day off / Parish Office closed
Sat 27	3pm-5pm	Hershams Youth Trust Open Day - see notices

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

Mary Stokes (25 June)



**NEXT SUNDAY: 28 JUNE**

**Patronal weekend**

Our new curate Tristan is being ordained at Guildford Cathedral at 10.30am and you are all welcome to attend.

8 am Holy Communion

9 am Breakfast Praise in church (see page 1)

10.15 am Our term-time, God and Friends (GAF) (see page 1)

10.30 am There will be no communion during this service because Deborah Lock will be holding a service of “Songs of Praise”

4 pm Church in the Churchyard: The Churchyard has been transformed from an overgrown, neglected and unwelcoming space to a beautiful cared for haven of peace for all in Hersham to enjoy. You are welcome to come and celebrate the growth and progress in the Churchyard during the last year, by way of our Church in the Churchyard service. This invitation is extended to the wider Hersham community as well as St Peter's parishioners, so do bring your friends. Our theme is “The impact of sowing seeds, both physical and metaphorical” and the service will be presented by the churchyard volunteers. Future dates: 26 July and 23 August.



**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:

**HERSHAM YOUTH TRUST OPEN DAY:** Do you know any 11+ year olds in the local area? If so, do let them know about the Hersham Young People's Centre along Arch Road. They are holding an Open Day on Saturday 27 June if they'd like to find out more.



**Hersham Youth Trust**  
all different • all equal • all welcome

**FREE TO ATTEND!**

**OPEN DAY!**

**COME AND SEE WHAT WE DO!**

**SATURDAY 27TH JUNE** **3PM - 5PM**

**LOCATED IN ARCH ROAD**  
EASY TO FIND - HARD TO LEAVE!

**AGES 11+** **FOLLOW US!** [@hershamyouthtrust](#)

**POOL TABLE** **PING PONG**  
**MUSIC ROOM**  
**FOOTBALL AREA** **SOFAS**  
**TUCK SHOP** **IPADS**  
**INTERNET** **CHILL OUT SPACE**  
**AND MORE!**

**EVERYONE WELCOME - COME ALONG, HAVE FUN, AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR YOUTH CLUB!**



### WELCOME CELEBRATION:

Tristan's first Sunday with us will be 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 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](http://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](mailto: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, 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

