

St. Peter's Church, Hersham

28 June 2026
Patronal Weekend

A very warm welcome to
St. Peter's Church



Please hold Tristan our new curate in your prayers as he is being ordained at Guildford Cathedral at 10.30am this morning.

Old Testament:	Jeremiah 28: 5-9	OT 742
New Testament:	Romans 6.12-end	NT 152
Gospel:	Matthew 10.40-end	NT 10

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 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.

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 29	2.30 pm	Circle of Prayer (see notices)
Tue 30	7.45 pm	Bell ringers' practice. Anyone interested in learning to ring, please contact David Mealor on mealors@btinternet.com
Wed 1	10 am	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church.
Thurs 2	10am Tots Praise	 <p>THURSDAYS 10-11.30AM during term time</p> <p>Join us for songs, stories, instruments and refreshments</p> <p>Free of Charge and no need to book!</p> <p>children@stpetersherham.com</p>
	2 pm	St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to celebrate Wimbledon Tennis Fortnight with strawberries and cream at the Women's Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hersham. Refreshments served afterwards.
	7.15 pm	Home Group meeting at The Vicarage for Old Testament Characters.
	7.45 pm	Music Group Rehearsal
Fri 3	•	Vicar's day off / Parish Office closed
Sat 4		

NEXT SUNDAY: 5 JULY

This is Tristan's first Sunday with us so do come along to hear him preach at the 8am and 10.30am services.

- 8 am Holy Communion
- 9 am Breakfast Praise in church (see page 1)
- 10.30 am Church Family Communion



WELCOME CELEBRATION:

Come along to The Vicarage garden after the Church Family 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.



It is with sadness that we make you aware of the death of Liz Watts who passed away at her care home last week. May she rest in peace. Please remember her family and friends in your prayers.

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

Peggy Glanville Bromhead (4th July)



NOTICES:

CIRCLE OF PRAYER: Monday 29 June - 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!



Our first **THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE** in July is postponed to next week. Jackie will be at Christchurch Esher on the 2nd July conducting interviews for their new vicar. Therefore, July's service of Holy Communion will be held in church at 11 am on Thursday 9th July instead.

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.



VACANCY IN SEE: WHAT IT MEANS AND HOW IT WORKS

A "Vacancy in See" occurs when a diocese is without a diocesan bishop – usually because the current bishop has retired, moved to a new role, or died in office. Following the death of the Rt Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford, the Diocese of Guildford is currently in vacancy. During this time, a formal process begins to discern and appoint the next Diocesan Bishop. You are warmly invited to share your views as part of an important diocesan consultation. Further details are available on the document at the back of church.

**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.

