

# St. Peter's Church, Hersham

**5 July 2026**

**5th Sunday after Trinity**

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



We welcome Tristan, our new curate, Laura and Hattie to our church family and community. Tristan will be preaching at the 8am and 10.30am services today.

## **Readings at 8am**

**Old Testament: Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-end OT 20**

**Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end NT 11**

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

11.30 am No matter which service you have attended you are invited to come along for a glass of fizz soft drinks will also be available) and cake in the Vicarage Garden (church hall if raining) from 11.30am-1.30pm.





4 pm Holy Communion Preparation in the Women's Institute Hall.



**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 6	PM	Vicar off-duty in lieu of Friday 10 July
Tue 7	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 8	10 am 7.15 pm	Walton and Hershams Foodbank in church. Home Group meeting at 29 West Grove for Old Testament Characters
Thurs 9	10am  Tots Praise	 <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@stpetershersham.com</p>
	11 am	 <p><b>THURSDAY MORNING COMMUNION</b> service usually held on the first Thursday of each month. Coffee and biscuits will be served afterwards should you wish to stay and have a chat.</p>
	2 pm	St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to the Women's Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hershams where Neil Mach gives a talk and presentation on "The Year That Changed its Mind – 1936" Refreshments served afterwards.
	2.30 pm	Meeting of the Standing Committee
Fri 10	• 11.30 am	Parish Office closed Funeral of Maureen Taylor in church

Sat 11	12.30 pm	Burial of ashes in the Lawn of Remembrance Brian Parker
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## NEXT SUNDAY: 12 JULY

**6th Sunday after Trinity**

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

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



## NOTICES:

### 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.

## 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.



### **RE: INVITATION FROM ANDREW STRONG AT HERSHAM**

Safeguarding Hub. If you receive the following details in an email from Andrew Strong it is legitimate so please click the link you have been sent as requested. "Dear .....I would like to be able to send you emails and allow you to see your information that we hold about you on our safeguarding hub, but I need your permission first. Please click the following button to choose your response. This invitation will expire after 14 days, so an early response is important. It is a personal invitation and link, so please do not forward it to anyone else. Andrew Strong"

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

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 Hershams 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 brand's 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

**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.

# St. Peter's Church, Hershams

## 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.

