

St. Peter's Church, Hersham

26 July 2026
8th Sunday after Trinity

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



Readings

Old Testament:	Genesis 29.15-28	OT 26
New Testament:	Romans 8.26-end	NT 154
Gospel:	Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52	NT 14

At 8am and 10.30am we welcome our Missions Partners from Hersham Youth Trust who will give us an update on their work

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	Intergenerational 'Forest Church' on Vauxmead field, where we will be exploring the wonder of God's creation through trees! Do bring a deck chair, or picnic blanket and a picnic and invite the whole family, as after the short interactive service, we hope that you will stay and enjoy the space for a while.

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: TRISTAN ON LEAVE UNTIL 8TH AUGUST INCLUSIVE

Mon 27	2.30 pm	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!
	3 pm	Memorial Service for Liz Watts in church
Tue 28	7.45 pm	Bell ringers' practice.
Wed 29	10 am	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church.
Thurs 30	10am	Tots' Praise for 0-4 year olds and their carers will meet fortnightly in the holidays for songs, stories, instruments and refreshments. Additional dates 13 and 27 August. St. Peter's Church Hall
	2 pm	St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to the Women's Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hersham for friendship and refreshments. Full Fellowship (Speakers/Presentations etc.) takes a break for the summer and resumes on 3 September. You are still welcome to Fellowship on Thursdays for tea/coffee and a chat until 27 August.
	7.45 pm	Summer workshop rehearsal
Fri 31	•	Vicar's day off / Parish Office closed



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.

NEXT SUNDAY: 2 AUGUST

9th Sunday after Trinity

8 am	Holy Communion
9 am	Breakfast Praise in church (see page 1)
10.30 am	Church Family Communion with the baptism of Isla

NOTICES:

WILL YOU PRAY WITH US FOR ST PETER'S, OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD? If you are interested in prayer we would love you to join us after church on Sunday 16 August. We will look at how we put together the weekly intercessions, and share ideas about how we can be a more prayerful church. If you pray regularly and are also on the intercessions rota, or if you don't really know how to pray at all and would like to hear some ideas about how to start then grab a coffee after the service and join us for a short meeting at 11.45am.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION COURSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

During September and October, we will be holding a 4-session Confirmation Preparation course for young people aged 11+ years, who attend and worship at St Peter's Church. If you are interested and feel ready to make this commitment, then please do speak to Deborah Lock (Licensed Lay Minister), who will lead the course, or Jackie:

vicar@stpetershersham.com The preparation sessions will be held on the following Sunday afternoons 4-5pm:

13 September in Women's Institute Hall

20 September in Church Hall

4 October in Women's Institute Hall

25 October in Women's Institute Hall (and pick up from church)

The Confirmation Service will be on Sunday 1 November. Further details to follow.

The young people need to attend each session, so please discuss with Deborah if there are any issues with the dates and do contact Deborah: debslock@yahoo.co.uk if you want to find out further details about the course.

ORGAN RESTORATION FUND CONCERT: Our church organ is in desperate need of restoration so we are proud to present “Songbird” an evening with acclaimed Irish Soprano Eve Stafford in an effort to raise the outstanding amount. Saturday 8 August at 8pm: Classical favourites, opera arias and traditional songs. Please make a note of the date in your diary and tell your family and friends. No need to book, doors open at 7.30pm. 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.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: We will be meeting in St Peter's Church Hall on Saturday 14 August 9am until 11am (ish) for The Women's Breakfast which offers an opportunity for women to meet for a couple of hours of coffee, conversation and a croissant or two (or other, perhaps healthier, food options). They are a time for sharing our news, asking questions (big and small), making friends or just sitting quietly, away from the bustle of a usual Saturday morning. Feel free to bring your friends.



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.