

St. Peter's Church, Hersham

2 August 2026
9th Sunday after Trinity

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



Readings:

Old Testament: Genesis 32.22-31

Gospel: Matthew 14.13-21

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 with the baptism of Isla



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 8 AUGUST INCLUSIVE

Tue 4	12.30 pm 7.45 pm	Lunchtime Life Group Bell ringers' practice. Anyone interested in learning to ring, please contact David Mealor on mealors@btinternet.com
Wed 5	10 am	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church.
Thurs 6	11 am 2 pm 7.45 pm	THURSDAY MORNING COMMUNION service held on the first Thursday of each month. Coffee and biscuits will be served afterwards should you wish to stay and have a chat. 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. Summer workshop rehearsal
Fri 7	•	Vicar's day off / Parish Office closed
Sat 8	Doors open at 7.30 pm	Organ Restoration Fund Concert: An evening with acclaimed Irish Soprano Eve Stafford. See back page.



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.

MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP (MAF) is one of our overseas mission links and we are making one of our quarterly donations to it of £2,700. MAF has a strong Christian base, and with its fleet of air taxis it supports many developing nations which have limited transport in reaching remote communities. This has important implications for health and saving lives, when land transport would take far too long. You can view its work by accessing its web site on <https://maf-uk.org>.

8 am	Holy Communion
9 am	9am Praise in church. An interactive service for families. Followed by refreshments.
10.30 am	Parish Communion. Please pray for Leander, Luke and Ruth as this will be their first service of Holy Communion.

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 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.



Our Wednesday **COMMUNITY CAFÉ IN ST PETER’S CHURCH** opens on Wednesday 12 August 10am-12noon. The Community Café is open to all and will operate on Wednesdays, the same day as the Walton and Hersham Foodbank, and will run on a ‘pay what you can, if you can’ basis. Come and enjoy basic refreshments in a comfortable environment from our existing kitchen. Julie Mills is organising a rota of volunteers and would love to hear from you if you can help with making/serving/tea and coffee. We will not be accepting offers of homemade cakes at this stage but instead will provide biscuits and shop bought cake. Please contact Julie on mobile 07926 284577 if you can help. Thank you.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: We will be meeting in St Peter's Church Hall on Saturday 15 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.