

THIS WEEK:

Mon 10	4 pm •	Pastoral Care Team meeting in the church No Spam tonight - see notices
Tue 11	7.30 pm 7.45 pm	Baptism Preparation in church Bell ringers' practice. Anyone interested in learning to ring, please contact David Mealor on mealors@btinternet.com
Wed 12	10 am 10 am	Opening of our Community Café in church (see notices) Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church.
Thurs 13	• 10 am 2 pm 7.45 pm	Parish Office closed Tots' Praise for 0-4 year olds and their carers will meet fortnightly in the holidays for songs, stories, instruments and refreshments. Additional date 27 August. St. Peter's Church Hall 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 14	•	Vicar's day off / Parish Office closed
Sat 15	9.30 am	Women's Breakfast (see below)

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

NEXT SUNDAY: 16 AUGUST

11th Sunday after Trinity

8 am	Holy Communion
9 am	9am Praise in church (see front page)
10.30 am	Parish Communion
11.45 am	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. 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.

It is with sadness that we tell you of the funeral of John Poulter who died last month. Friends are welcome to attend South West Middlesex Crematorium on Thursday 20 August at 11am.



NOTICES:

SPAM: Please note that St. Peter's Active Men (SPAM) will not meet in August as it is the holiday season. This men's group meet on the second Monday of each month for a social at a local pub. It's an informal gathering and is a good opportunity to get to know others involved with St Peter's. There is no set agenda and you can arrive and go whenever is convenient. The next social is on Monday 14 September at The Royal George (130 Hersham Road) arriving at any time from 8pm onwards and departing when you want. You are very welcome to come along, so just turn up on the day. And if you wish to discuss it beforehand then speak to Tony Skrzypecki who coordinates the group - contact details available from the parish office Email: theoffice@stpetershersham.com or Telephone 01932 253452



Community Cafe

at St. Peter's
Church, Hersham



Opening 12th August

Every
Wednesday
10am-12pm

Pay what you
can....
if you can

**EVERYONE
WELCOME**

St. Peter's Church, Hersham



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 providing 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.

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.



ST. PETER'S CHURCH ECO-CHALLENGE WEEK 1



1 Use less plastic

Buy a reusable water bottle and shopping bags. Find your local refill shop and take your own containers. Avoid buying items which are single use or packaged in single-use plastic.



2 Eat plant-based meals

By reducing meat consumption even just one day a week, we can collectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions, deforestation and water consumption. Doing so on two days a week doubles the impact!



3 Eco-friendly travel

Try to find creation-friendly ways to travel where possible. Car-share with friends, walk, bike or use public transport if you can. Remember your reusable water bottle in the hot weather!



4 Spend time in nature

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his
hands. – Psalm 19:1*



ST. PETER'S CHURCH ECO-CHALLENGE:

As part of our ARicha Bronze award, the lifestyle team is encouraging you to take part in a four week Eco-challenge. This is all about raising awareness of creation care and will involve making small changes to our daily habits in the hope that together we can make a real difference. Week One kicks off on 10 August - check out the poster on page 6 to see this week's challenges! Good luck!

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.



ST. PETER'S WEBSITE: WWW.STPETERSHERSHAM.COM

A great way to keep yourself (and your family and friends) updated with what's going on at St. Peter's is through our website. It's packed full of useful information so do go online and take a look. There are details of upcoming events, our services, groups and courses, plus previous news sheets should you want to catch up on anything you've missed. It really is a great way to let people know what we have to offer so do share the website address with people you know.

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.

