

St. Peter's Church, Hersham

30 August 2026
13th Sunday after Trinity



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

Readings

New Testament: **Romans 12.9-end** ***NT 158***

Gospel: **Matthew 16.21-end** ***NT 17***

8 am Holy Communion

9 am 9am Praise in church. A fun, interactive service for young families followed by refreshments.

10.30 am A special 5th Sunday service on Vauxmead (field opposite the church).

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 31	•	No Circle of Prayer today as it's Bank Holiday Monday. Next meeting 28 September.
Tue 1 Sep	12.30 pm 7.45 pm	Lunchtime Life Group meeting - Church Hall Bell ringers' practice. Anyone interested in learning to ring, please contact David Mealor on mealors@btinternet.com
Wed 2	10 am 10 am	Community Café in church (see notices) Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church.
Thurs 3	11 am 2 pm 2.30 pm 7.30 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 resumes today with the usual programme of friendship, refreshments, speakers and presentations. You are invited to the Women's Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hersham when those assembled will share their stories on this week's topic - "Tell us a little bit about yourself? Your history and your life". (see notices) Meeting of the Standing Committee in church Summer Workshop rehearsal
Fri 4	•	Vicar's day off / Parish Office closed



NEXT SUNDAY: 6 SEPTEMBER

14th Sunday after Trinity

- 8 am Holy Communion
 9 am 9am Praise in church (see page 1)
 10.30 am Church Family Communion: We are delighted to welcome The Rt Revd Bishop Paul - Bishop of Dorking & Acting Bishop of Guildford who will lead this service.

NOTICES:



LIFE GROUPS: Come along for food and fellowship as this term we continue our Creationtide eco theme with a bible based course from

ARocha, a Christian charity that mobilises and equips Christians, families and churches to protect and restore the environment. We meet at 7.15 over a simple, bring-and-share supper, read the bible together, ask lots of questions and get to know each other better. We then have a time of prayer before heading

home around 9pm. Dates for this term are Wednesdays: September 9 and 23, October 7 and 28, November 11 and 25 and December 9. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of church. We have two Wednesday evening groups this term: one at The Vicarage and one at West Grove. If you would like to join the Tuesday lunchtime group in the Church Hall they meet fortnightly at 12.30pm and there is a sign-up sheet for that too. You can also sign-up online using these QR codes.



Tuesday Church Hall



Wednesday West Grove

Wednesday Vicarage



ST PETER'S CHURCH COMMUNITY CAFÉ is open to everybody in the local community every Wednesday 10am to 12pm – the same day as the Walton and Hersham Foodbank. Run on a 'pay what you can if you can' basis, the café initially offers basic refreshments in a comfortable environment ... and we have exciting plans for further developments in the future! Why not pay us a visit to enjoy a coffee and cake as well as a friendly chat?

We'd like to offer our heartfelt thanks to everybody who has contributed towards the Community Cafe - thank you so much for helping us to help the community! Special thanks go to:

- Elmbridge Borough Council for providing us with CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funding towards this exciting project
- Hersham Community Trust for their kindness in providing us with the comfortable chairs and tables for the café
- Waitrose Hersham for their kind contribution towards the initial running costs from the Community Matters green token scheme
- All the lovely volunteers who have, and are continuing to, generously give their time and support to this project.

**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.



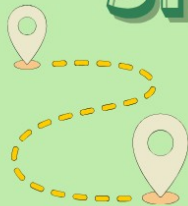
www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org

SURREY CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE - SATURDAY

12 SEPTEMBER 2026: The Surrey Churches Preservation Trust (who kindly contributed towards our organ fund) are holding their annual Ride & Stride event on Saturday 12 September. If you fancy dusting off your bike and cycling around some of the churches of Surrey to raise money both for St. Peter's and for the Trust, please see the details at:

<https://www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org/ride-stride/>

ST. PETER'S CHURCH ECO-CHALLENGE WEEK 4



New Habits

Look back over the last three weeks – what easy changes can you build into good habits for the future?

Can you:

- Permanently reduce your plastic waste?
- Have a meat-free day once or twice a week?
- Walk, bike, car-share or use public transport more often?
- Be more aware of your energy usage?
- Reduce food waste?
- Think before you buy....do I really need it? Could I buy second-hand?
- Repair, reuse, repurpose and recycle rather than throw away?
- Plant and care for a native tree?
- Spend time in nature enjoying God's creation?



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BEFORE OTHERS, THAT THEY MAY SEE
YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY YOUR
FATHER IN HEAVEN." - MATTHEW 5:16



ST. PETER'S CHURCH ECO-CHALLENGE:

It's the final week of our St. Peter's Church Eco-challenge but rather than seeing this as where it ends, we are reminding you to build new habits for the future. We would like to encourage you to join us as we continue to strive to do all we can to preserve our beautiful world and make Creation-care a priority in our daily lives.

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.

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.



PRAYER MINISTRY: In our efforts to become a more prayerful church, if you came along to last Sunday's meeting on prayer or are interested in praying with us for St Peter's, our community and the world please sign-up for the prayer ministry training we are planning. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Bishop's Prayer Network

Bishop Paul has made intentional prayer one of his three foci as our Acting Bishop and has invited all those willing to pray with him for our diocese to join the Bishop's Prayer Network. This will entail receiving a prayer bulletin every two months, invitations to pray online with Bishop Paul, should you so wish, six times a year and to join him in two half-nights of prayer.

All are welcome to join at:

www.cofeguildford.org.uk/prayernetwork



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.

