

St. Peter's Church, Hersham

6th September 2026
14th Sunday after
Trinity



A very warm welcome
to St. Peter's Church

Readings

New Testament: **Romans 12.1-12** **NT 158**

Gospel: **John 15:1-10** **NT 106**

8 am Holy Communion

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

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.

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 7		
Tue 8	10 am Ministry Team ant the House of Prayer for the morning 2.30 pm Memorial Service for Ann Furness at St. Mark's Church, Whiteley Village 4 pm Funeral of Pat Robbins at Woking Crematorium 7.45 pm Bell ringers' practice. Anyone interested in learning to ring, please contact David Mealor on mealors@btinternet.com	
Wed 9	10 am Community Café in church (see notices) 10 am Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church 7.15 pm Life Groups start. There's still time to join a group, see page 3.	
Thurs 10	10 am Tots Praise resumes today  2 pm St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to the Women's Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hersham where Peter Altman gives a talk on the 50s and 60s". Refreshments served afterwards. 7.30 pm Summer Workshop rehearsal	
Fri 11	•	Vicar's day off / Parish Office closed

NEXT SUNDAY: 13 SEPTEMBER

15th Sunday after Trinity

- 8 am Holy Communion
- 9 am Family 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 with Summer Workshop: Having launched our eco church programme and entered the season of Creationtide, our wonderful music group will be enhancing our worship with some exciting repertoire! Feeling the Heat, Psalm 24, Thankful, Music changes the World. Don't miss it, you are in for a real 'eco' treat!
- 10.30am TAG (Teenagers and God) for 11-14 year olds will meet in Church for the 10.30am service, and during the second hymn will go into the side room for some Bible study
- 4 pm Confirmation Preparation course for young people in the Women's Institute Hall
- 5.30 pm TAG for 15+ years will meet between 5-7pm for evening prayer, and Bible study, fellowship over sandwiches and games. 4 Crutchfield Road, Walton. For more details contact Deborah Lock 01932 703175.

On the anniversary of their death, we give thanks for the lives of:

Gordon Weddell (1st)
Roger Pryke (5th)
Margaret Weddell (6th)



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? Bring a friend.

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 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.



EVANGELISM HUB: Do come along to our termly Evangelism Hub session in church. Saturday 3 October 10am to 1pm (refreshments from 9.30am). These mornings are always a great time of fellowship and

encouragement, and if you would like to know more about how to share your faith Monday to Saturday we would urge you to come along and try it out. It doesn't matter if you don't feel confident or haven't been before, this is a safe space to learn with others.

PRAYER MINISTRY: In our efforts to become a more prayerful church, if you came along to last month'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.

