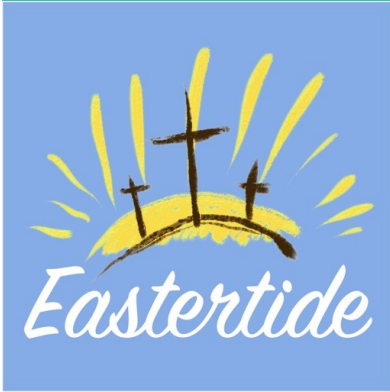


St. Peter's Church, Hershams



14th April 2024 The Third Sunday of Easter

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

Today's readings:

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

Second Testament: I John 3:1-7

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

8 am Holy Communion

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


10.30 am Parish Communion

12.30 pm Baptism of Maximus

5 pm Youth led Evening Prayer in church followed by TAG in the Church Hall. If you have an instrument then do bring it along as part of the evening will be a jamming session. Do come along even if you don't think you're musical - plenty of fun to have! Pick up time is 7pm. TAG is Teenagers and God (our youth group for Year 7 and up).

2nd Sunday of the month. Meet for food, fun and fellowship, social events and outings. For more details contact Deborah Lock 01932 703175.

THIS WEEK: Vicar off-duty Friday 19 to Sunday 21 April inclusive

Mon 15th	8 am 7.30 am	Morning Prayer Baptism Preparation in church
Tues 16th	• 7.45 pm	Curate's day-off Bell ringers' practice. Anyone interested in learning to ring, please call David Mealor on (01932) 220439 or come up the tower before the 10.30am service on Sundays.
Wed 17th	10 am 7.15 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church First session of home groups (see notices)
Thurs 18th	10 am  2 pm	PRE-SCHOOL PRAISE RESUMES: Come and join us in the Church Hall for action worship songs, a bible story and prayers, followed by refreshments and a chance for the adults to chat while the children play. All children of preschool age welcome – from newborns to 4 year olds! St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to bring along your favourite book and tell the fellowship why it's your favourite.
Fri 19th	•	Parish Office closed
Sat 21st	•	Curate at IME training day

NEXT SUNDAY: 21 APRIL**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8 am Holy Communion

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

10.15 am Our term-time, God and Friends (GAF) group for primary school aged children meet in the Women's Institute Hall to get to know God and each other while having fun! Games, craft, time to reflect on how our Christian faith affects our lives.

10.30 am Parish Communion

It is with great sadness that we let you know our dear friend and colleague **ADELA FODDY** passed away in the early hours of Wednesday morning. Adela was a Licenced Lay Minister in St Peter's Church for many years and was a loved and respected colleague and friend. Although she officially stood down from leading services and preaching finally during COVID, she remained an active member of the church and she was a huge source of wisdom and support to us up until the end. In February she showed her great wisdom and teaching ability when she was interviewed by the children in the congregation about her faith, in a lovely Candlemas service. Adela spent the Easter weekend with her family, but sadly suffered a stroke on Easter Monday. Full details of funeral arrangements will be posted in the parish diary as soon as we have them. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



NOTICES

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.

OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING HOME GROUPS (we now have two) will start again on Wednesday 17 April, 7.15pm to 9pm and we will meet every two weeks during the summer term, ending with a joint celebration BBQ in July. As we grow as a church, we pray that our congregation grows in fellowship, faith and spirituality as well as numerically. We aim to equip everyone as Christians during the whole week, not just on Sundays. You are invited to come along to one of our small home groups which meet regularly to eat, pray and study the bible. We use a simple method of looking at the sermon and bible passage of the week, so there's no homework and you don't have to be an expert. Everyone brings something to eat and we start by sharing a simple meal together. All that's required is a willingness to share, or explore your faith as we grow together in faith, spirituality and fellowship. There's still time to sign up so if you'd like to come along please speak to Jackie vicar@stpetershersham.com or telephone 01932 227445

NOTICES CONTINUED:



OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO SHARING FAITH: Thursday 25 April, 7.45 - 9pm (refreshments served from 7.30pm). We recently asked you what the main obstacles that get in the way of sharing your faith with others are. Thank you to everyone who filled in the questionnaire. The

greatest obstacle for most people was 'Unsure of what to say' followed by 'don't know how to get started' and 'a lack of interest in the Christian faith by those I know'. If this is you then do join us for this session on how to overcome these obstacles on Thursday 25 April. Please let us know if you are intending to come along so we can ensure we have adequate materials. Email: vicar@stpetershershams.com. Jackie

CHURCHYARD NEWS: We're well underway with improving the neglected space behind the doctor's surgery. The plan is to turn this area into a wild meadow, planted with wild flowers which will attract both insects and visitors. If you have any wild flower seeds (or you'd like to make a donation so we can buy some) we'd love to hear from you. You can either donate seeds via the parish office or distribute them yourself in the designated areas in the meadow. We will notify you when the area is properly prepared for you to scatter the seeds yourself. Hopefully in the next week or two. Normal Saturday churchyard maintenance will be suspended until mid-May when Lynne returns to oversee the project. In the meantime Ruth and Martin Horsey are coordinating and you can reach them at email martinhorsey@gmail.com. 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

