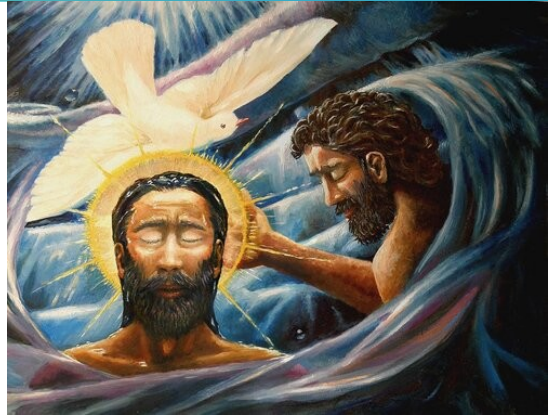


St. Peter's Church, Hershams

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

**12th January 2025
Baptism of Christ
(The First Sunday
of Epiphany)**



Today's readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:1-7

New Testament: Acts 8:14-17

Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

8 am Holy Communion

9 am Breakfast Praise in church. A short, fun and interactive service 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 Church Hall for games, craft, time to reflect on how our Christian faith affects our lives.

10.30 am Parish Communion

5 pm Youth led Evening Prayer in church followed by TAG (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:

Tue 14th	7.45 pm	Bell ringers' practice. Anyone interested in learning to ring, please contact David Mealor on mealors@btinternet.com
Wed 15th	10 am 8 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church Meeting of the Standing Committee
Fri 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">••	Vicar's day off Parish Office closed
Sat 18th	9.30 am	Marriage Preparation

NEXT SUNDAY: 19 JANUARY The Second Sunday of Epiphany

8 am Holy Communion

9 am Breakfast Praise in church for young families (see page 1)

10.15 am Our term-time, God and Friends group (see page 1)

10.30 am Parish Communion

NOTICES

You are invited to come along to one of our small life groups which meet regularly to eat, pray and study together. Starting next week we will be studying "Practicing The Way", an eight session course on following Jesus in the modern era. Please feel free to invite others to come along as it's an excellent way for both new and established Christians to delve deeper into how to be a disciple of Christ. We will follow the same format as before in that everyone brings something to eat and we start by sharing a simple meal together. Sign-up sheets are at the back of church. We have groups on Tuesday lunchtimes at 12;30pm and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7.15pm to 9pm.

For more information please contact Revd. Jackie Richardson, Vicar

 (01932) 227445  vicar@stpetershersham.com

Practicing the Way

Be with Jesus
Become like him
Do as he did

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.

MUSIC TO CALM THE SOUL: January 26th at 7pm in church. Refreshments served from 6.40pm. Join us for an hour or so of soothing sounds and classical music designed to ease away the stresses and strains of the week. Bathe yourself in the relaxing candlelit atmosphere of our beautiful church and feel your worries drift away. An oasis of calm in a busy world. Future dates this winter are 23rd February and 30th March.

ST. PETER'S FELLOWSHIP resume their weekly get togethers on Thursday 6 February with Neil Mach talking on 'What is Fantasy Fiction'. Come along to the Women's Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hersham and meet new friends as a warm welcome awaits you. Every Thursday from 2pm to 3.45pm for fun, fellowship and refreshments. The programme is varied and includes: Quizzes / live music / poetry / beetle drives / cream teas / interesting talks from visiting speakers. If you've not been before give it a try. We look forward to welcoming you.

PLANNED GIVING: If you are not already in our planned giving scheme and you would like to join 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. Obviously the more you can give, the more difference it will make, but the most important thing is to give by standing order, or via the parish giving scheme, (details from the QR code) so we can plan for the future. If you are able to gift aid your donations, they are worth 25% more to us at no additional cost to you. Thank you



BELL-RINGING



We really need some new ringers at St. Peter's and would like you to consider joining the team. Most people can learn

to ring bells in the traditional way practiced at St Peter's and about 5,000 other Churches in the UK. Children from age 12 can easily be taught; there are as many female as male ringers.

If you are interested in learning to ring please contact David Mealor on 07484 225951 or email mealors@btinternet.com

The first stage is learning to handle a bell (think of it as a bit like learning to stay on a bike safely). These initial lessons are hands-on, with your tutor closely supervising. When you can handle the bell safely, you need further exercises to learn how to control it, to make it ring faster or slower (think of it as like learning to cycle in a straight line, and turn corners when required). Thus far, you have been ringing a bell on its own. The next step is learning to synchronise the timing of your bell with others (think of it as cycling in formation, six abreast). This is what it is all about, and when you can do it reasonably well you will be a full member of the band and can visit other towers to ring. Please do get in touch if you're interested.

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

