

NOTICES:

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC and a blanket or deck chairs and join us for our **PARISH PICNIC** on Sunday 15 September from 11:30 to 2:30pm after the 10am communion service. We'll be getting together in The Vicarage Garden (If wet we'll be in the church hall). Bouncy Castle and games for children (young and old!)

WILL YOU HELP? We have a great opportunity to make some much needed funds at Alistair Sherwood's concert on Saturday 28 September. Would you be prepared to donate a voucher, alcohol, chocolates, or a new item you'd be pleased to win? If so please pass it to Sarah in the Parish Office. Would you be prepared to coordinate and manage the raffle? We need someone to gather prizes, set-up the raffle and

organise a team to sell tickets on the night. Please speak to Sarah in the Parish Office if you are willing.

If you are intending to join Jackie and Andrew Cowie (Emly Deanery Area Dean) in May 2020 for a 10-day pilgrimage Jackie will need your deposit as soon as possible to secure your place. See the mount of Olives for yourself and visit the **HOLY LAND** to experience the places that we read about in the bible each week. Speak to Jackie for more information.

We are experiencing a considerable increase in foodbank referrals so our food stocks are depleted. If this continues, we won't have enough food to cover the summer holidays when our gifts are essential to families who receive free school meals. The food we most need is: Tinned peas and carrots / Tin and instant potato / Pasta sauce / Instant noodles / Long life milk / Cereals / Tinned custard and rice pudding / Small sponge puddings / Small jars coffee / Fruit juice / Jams and Spreads. There are collection points in Sainsbury's Walton and Waitrose Hersham, and the warehouse in Faulkners Road is open every Wednesday 10am to 12pm. You are also welcome to leave your donations in the box at the back of church. For more information see the foodbank website

<https://waltonhershams.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

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WELCOME TO THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER, HERSHAM
Sunday 11th August 2019 **The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

Today's front page continues our series of

A VOICE FROM THE PEWS

All contributors are members of our own congregation

Today's reflection is provided by Sara Langley
Brother Sister let me serve you.

This song was one that really has been with me since having started my Pastoral Assistant training. It resonates with the desire to serve God and walk beside someone in their hour of need.

When I started training six years ago this September with the lovely Sarah Tourell, our Monday evening journeys to Guildford gave us a chance to share our thoughts and desires for where the course would lead/help us in our daily lives. I was exceedingly conscious that working full-time and being a single Mum the opportunities to serve were limiting. However, God has a way of guiding and showing you. In thinking I wouldn't have time to craft, I boxed up lots of my 'stash' to donate to charity, only to get that voice inside telling me to start a craft group. Thanks to Martin and his support, Hershams Crafters was born!

We started in October 2013 with a trial for Christmas crafting and after three successful months we carried on. There is always homemade cake and the kettle always hot for the necessary cuppa, as we chatter amongst ourselves whilst manipulating paper and card into the many different projects we have tackled over the years. Some enjoyed far more than others! One of the main aspects of crafting is it allows you to leave the stresses around you and gives one time to concentrate on the here and now. Many varied and difficult conversations are had with one another as, whilst hands are busy it gives a chance to open up, to ask questions, or even discuss some topical news amongst the group.

We meet at the back of church, which brings people into God's house some of whom wouldn't otherwise enter. It also gives us the ability to photograph our makes at the end of the evening, a chance for everyone to see what others have created using the same materials (which never ceases to amaze us all). Yet for me it is our offering to God. To thank him for our abilities, the time we have with each other and that in doing this I can serve him, my brothers and sisters. Amen.

COLLECT

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen.

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

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| Old Testament | Genesis 15:1-6 | (Bible page 12) |
| New Testament | Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 | (Bible page 222) |
| Gospel | Luke 12:32-40 | (Bible page 72) |

10.00 am Parish Communion

Please use Parish Communion service sheet

During August there will be a children's activity in church during the sermon

See above 8.00am service for the readings.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S: Parish Office closed Thursday and Friday

Tues - Fri 9.00 am Morning Prayer: You are very welcome to join us regularly or occasionally.

Mon 12th

- Sue off-duty

3.00 pm "Foodbank" from 3pm to 5pm, church open for private prayer.

Tue 13th

- Jackie off-duty

2.00 pm "Foodbank" from 2pm to 4pm, church open for private prayer.
7.45 pm Bell ringers' practice

Wed 14th 10.00 am Holy Communion / The Blessed Virgin Mary
7.30 pm Summer music workshop

NEXT SUNDAY - The Ninth Sunday after Trinity (18th Aug)

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Communion
10.00 am During August there will be a children's activity in church during the sermon



Tickets are selling well so buy them sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment!

AMERICAN TROUBADOUR SONGS AND STORIES: A concert performed by Alistair Sherwood on Saturday 28 September in church. Pre-concert drinks served from 7pm. Performance

7.30pm. Tickets £10 with £3 going to St. Peter's church roof fund. Look above the middle stained-glass window on the right-hand side of church to see the damage the leak has caused. Help us make this concert a sell-out by inviting your friends. Tickets on sale after the Sunday 10am service today (11 Aug) from Sue Burke.

To book your tickets online go to www.ticketsource.co.uk/hersham-pcc