

## NOTICES:

### ARE YOU CONFIDENT WITH EMAIL, SERVERS AND WHAT THEY ENTAIL?

We are in the process of bringing our server and email system in-house and need some advise on what we can do and the best way forward. If you are able to give us some guidance please get in touch with Jackie on 01932 227445.

The next ladies **COFFEE MORNING** will be tomorrow Monday 2 September at Squires Garden Centre at 10.30am. If you would like a lift or any further information please phone Heather on 01932 220530. Please make a note in your diary for every first Monday of the month as this event will be happening and all ages are welcome.

Our men's group **SPAM** (St Peter's Active Men) helps us to get to know one another, as well as supporting church life in practical ways. Our main focus is social, held together by our regular monthly gathering at the Bricklayers Arms on the first Tuesday of the month (3rd September). We notionally start at 8pm, but people drop in when they can and leave when they must.

If you've not experienced **ROLLING PRAYER** before why not give it a try, as a warm welcome awaits you? We have no set agenda and various ways of praying together are explored. There is no fixed membership and people dip in and out as they wish. This Wednesday 4 September at 1.30pm at 3 Frith Knowle, Hershham.

**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. To book your tickets for the concert go online go to [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hershham-pcc](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hershham-pcc) or see Sarah in the Parish Office. They are also available after the 10 am Sunday service.

**Attracting, Engaging, Involving**

## WELCOME TO THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER, HERSHAM

Sunday 1st September

The Eleventh 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 John Cramp "Heap Burning Coals on his Head"

I just love the phrase "heap burning coals on his head" as it sounds so weird. Where does it come from and what does it mean?

Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay", says the Lord. (*Romans 12:19-20*)  
On the contrary; "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head".  
Paul is also here quoting from Proverbs. (see *Prov:25:22*)

By being kind to your enemy when he has not be kind to you, it will be such a shock to him and so shame him that he will go red in the face and probably repent. This probably comes from an old Egyptian expiation ritual, where a guilty person carried a basin of hot coals on their head and became very red faced.

Paul also carries on in verse 21 of Romans 12 by saying:  
"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good".

As usual Paul gives us good advice. Returning evil for evil hurts you as much as your enemy. Even if your enemy never repents, forgiving him will free you of hate and bitterness.

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. (*Matthew 6:14-15*).

As was mentioned at last Sunday's Music to Calm the Soul see if you can think of someone you would like to forgive, or if you can't yet forgive perhaps try instead to let the hurt and anger go. Remembering the quote of C.S. Lewis "Getting over a painful experience is much like crossing monkey bars. You have to let go at some point in order to move forward."

## COLLECT

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### 8.00 am Holy Communion: Use Parish Communion service sheet

Old Testament	Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18	(Bible page 632)
New Testament	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	(Bible page 224)
Gospel	Luke 14:1, 7-14	(Bible page 74)

### 10.00 am Morning Worship and Communion

All Age Worship: Come and hear the performance of this year's summer workshops: **CALIFORNIA SAGA** followed by refreshments, and then Holy Communion



### 5.00 pm Evening Prayer with healing:

If you would like to receive this ministry, do join us. In the name of God and trusting in his might alone, receive Christ's healing touch to make you whole.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S:


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

Mon 2nd

- Sue off-duty

10.30 am Ladies coffee morning (see notices)  
3.00 pm "Foodbank" from 3pm to 5pm, church open for private prayer.

Tue 3rd



2.00 pm "Foodbank" from 2pm to 4pm, church open for private prayer.  
7.45 pm Bell ringers' practice  
8.00 pm SPAM (Men's Group) meeting in The Bricklayer's Arms - see notices

Wed 4th

10.00 am Holy Communion / Gregory the Great  
1.30 pm Rolling Prayer at 3 Frith Knowle  
8.00 pm Meeting of the Standing Committee

Thu 5th

- Jackie off-duty

1.30 pm St Peter's Fellowship are meeting in the Church for activities, demonstrations, refreshments, speakers - and time with friends. Note new venue.

Fri 6th

- Parish Office closed

10.00 am Young Vines resume their get togethers in church for under 5s and their mums, dads, grandparents and carers - songs, stories, prayers, craft, refreshments and a chat.

Sat 7th 10.00 am Baptism Information Session in church

## NEXT SUNDAY - The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (8th Sep)

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 am Parish Communion  
10.00 am All children aged 4 years and over in the Church Hall for a fun and engaging session of  
6.00 pm TAG's first "Jamming and Pizza" session: Our club for older children and young adults. Everyone in secondary school and sixth form college is welcome. Bring along any portable instruments e.g. guitars, saxophones etc. and any amps needed. Our current members all have musical talents and it seems a good time to start up a youth band idea. We'll also have a time for socialising and pizza. End time is 8pm.