

# St. Peter's Church, Hersham

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

**17th March 2024  
The Fifth Sunday  
of Lent**



**Todays' readings:**

**Old Testament     Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**New Testament:   Hebrews 5:5-10**

**Gospel:                 John 12:20-33**

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

**GLUTEN FREE WAFERS:** If you require gluten free wafers 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 18th	•	Morning Prayer
Tue 19th	• 11 am 7.45 pm	Curate's day-off Jackie taking a funeral in Thorpe Bell ringers' practice
Wed 20th	10 am 1 pm 8 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church Funeral of Daniel Hill in church PCC meeting in the Women's Institute Hall
Thurs 21st	• 10 am  2 pm 7.30 pm	Jackie and Katrina at IME Training day <b>PRE-SCHOOL PRAISE:</b> 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 a talk/presentation by Geoff Saunders: "To a Mountain in Tibet". From Nepal to Everest and on to Lhasa and then by train to Southern China Tenebrae rehearsal in church
Fri 22nd	• •	Vicar's day off Parish Office closed
Sat 23rd	2pm	Churchyard tidying: Please email Lynne Watson at <a href="mailto:safeguarding@stpetershersham.com">safeguarding@stpetershersham.com</a> if you are able to help with clearing and tidying of the Churchyard on Saturday afternoons 2pm to 4pm. We do have a limited supply of tools but you are welcome to bring your own. We're a friendly group of volunteers and are always happy to welcome others.

## NEXT SUNDAY: 24th MARCH / Palm Sunday



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| 8 am     | Holy Communion  |
| 9 am     | Breakfast Praise (see front page)   |
| 10.15 am | Those who wish to join the Palm Sunday procession to church meet on Hersham Green for the Palm Sunday greeting and the gospel of the Palms before joining those in St Peter's at 10.30am.   |
| 10.15 am | GAF (see front page) / Special Event! Also meet at Hersham Green then process back to the WI Hall to make Edible Easter Gardens. Please sign up for this event by contacting <a href="mailto:sarahdunn@stpetershersham.com">sarahdunn@stpetershersham.com</a> |
| 10.30 am | All Age Communion   |
| 3pm      | Churchyard Easter Trail - see notices   |

## NOTICES

**THANK YOU** to the wonderful group of volunteers who gave the Church Hall a thorough spring clean on Monday. You worked very hard and we are so grateful because your efforts are really noticeable.

**CHURCHYARD EASTER TRAIL:** Come and follow the story of Easter around the churchyard with our Easter trail which will be displayed all week from Sunday 24th March. If you would like to collect a small chocolate egg after you complete the trail, the church will be open Sunday 24 March to Thursday 28 March inclusive from 3pm to 4.30pm.

As part of **SARA HOLLAND'S LLM TRAINING** please join her for an evening service reflecting on the story of Jesus being anointed with oil. Tuesday 26 March in church at 7.30pm.

### **DECORATING THE CHURCH WITH FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY:**

Please speak to Margaret Hicks in church or email her on [margarethicks056@gmail.com](mailto:margarethicks056@gmail.com) if you would like to help decorate the church for Easter on Saturday 30th March at 10am.

## NOTICES



**CIRCLE OF PRAYER:** A time of stillness where we share different ways of praying. Don't know how to pray? Find it difficult? Join us to discover that we often pray without knowing it; we try to make it too complicated! Last Monday of the month, 25th March at 2:30pm. Women's Institute Hall. About 40 minutes of stillness, followed by a cup of tea and a chat.

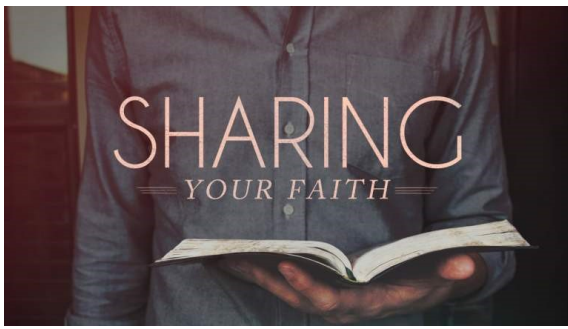
Everyone is welcome! Speak to Katherine Ind if you require more details (contact details via the Parish Office: Telephone: 01932 253452 Email: [theoffice@stpetershersham.com](mailto:theoffice@stpetershersham.com) )

### **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. Sign-up on the sheet at the back of church. We are hoping to start a daytime group soon, but need someone to host and lead it.



**TEA/COFFEE:** There are a lot of gaps so please have a look at the rota and see when you might be able to help. This is an important part of our welcome so if you would like to help provide this valuable opportunity for fellowship on future Sundays please shadow someone on the rota and they will show you what to do. You will then be able to sign-up and help share this enjoyable and worthwhile task.



**OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO SHARING FAITH:** Thursday 25 April, 7.45 - 9pm (refreshments served from 7.30pm). We recently asked you what are the main obstacles that get in the way of sharing your faith with others. 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<sup>th</sup> April. Please let us know if you are intending to come along so we can ensure we have adequate materials.

[vicar@stpetershersham.com](mailto:vicar@stpetershersham.com). Jackie



Do you know anyone who has a house/flat or at least four rooms to rent in Hersham close to Lidl for a family looking to move around June? If you do please contact the parish office (253452). Thank you.

# Easter Word Search

Angel

Betray

Cave

Church

Cross

Crown of Thorns

Crucify

Easter

Empty Tomb

Faith

God

Good Friday

Holy

Hope

Jesus

Judas

King

Lamb

Last Supper

Lent

Love

Mary

Messiah

Miracle

Nails

Peter

Prayer

Rejoice

Resurrection

Risen

Salvation

Saviour

Son of God

Temple

Third Day

Thorns

One of these words is included twice. If you find the repeated word please bring your completed wordsearch to the Parish Office by 21st March. If your entry is drawn from all the correct answers you'll win a prize. Good luck!

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# Easter Services



24 March **Palm Sunday:**  
10.15am - Procession  
10.30am – All Age Communion

27 March: **Wednesday**  
8pm – Tenebrae  
Service of Shadows

28 March **Maundy Thursday:**  
8pm – Holy Communion

29 March **Good Friday:**  
10am – All Age Worship  
Followed by Walk of witness  
11am – Service on the Green  
Followed by hot cross buns in All Saints Church Hall  
2pm – An hour at the Cross

31 March **Easter Day:**  
6am – Sunrise Service  
9am Breakfast Praise for young families  
10.30am – Family Communion

## 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

