

# St. Peter's Church, Hersham

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

**24th March 2024  
Palm Sunday**




**Today's readings will be the gospel of the  
Palms and the Passion narrative from Matthew.**

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| 8 am     | Holy Communion  |
| 9 am     | Breakfast Praise in church. A short, fun and interactive service, in church for young families followed by refreshments and distribution of daffodils.  |
| 10.10 am | Distribution of daffodils followed by Palm Sunday procession from Hersham Green to St. Peter's Church. God and Friends (GAF) / Also meet at Hersham Green to distribute daffodils then process back to the WI Hall to make Edible Easter Gardens. |
| 10.30 am | All Age Communion   |
| 3pm      | Churchyard Easter Trail - see notices   |

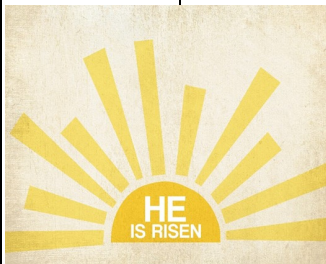
**GLUTEN FREE WAFERS:** If you require gluten free wafers for communion please let the sides people know when you arrive and inform the priest when you get to the altar rail.

**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.

## THIS WEEK:

Mon 25th	8 am 2.30 pm	Morning Prayer Circle of Prayer (see notices)
Tues 26th	9.15 am 7.30 pm	Burhill School Easter services x 3 As part of Sara Holland's LLM training join her for an evening service reflecting on the story of Jesus being anointed with oil.
Wed 27th	10 am 8 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church Tenebrae Service of Shadows: We will be joined by our music group, for a beautiful Tenebrae service. The word Tenebrae is the Latin word for 'darkness', or 'shadows' and during the service after each reading and piece of music a candle will be extinguished. The atmosphere at this service is always very moving so do come.
		
Maundy Thursday 28th	Morning 2.30 pm  8 pm	Jackie and Katrina at The Cathedral St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to their general knowledge quiz in the Women's Institute Hall Our Maundy Thursday communion service with foot washing (we already have volunteers for this), followed by the stripping of the altar. You may leave after the service, or stay for The Watch (until 10 pm).
Good Friday 29th	10 am   2 pm	All Age Worship: Our short all age service will be followed by a Walk of Witness through Hersham following the cross to the Memorial Gardens, stopping at All Saints church on the way. This will be followed by Hot Cross Buns in All Saints church hall. Children/buggies all very welcome. Our reflective service in church leads us to Jesus' last hour at the cross with hymns and readings
Sat 30th	10 am	Please speak to Margaret Hicks in church or email her on <a href="mailto:margarethicks056@gmail.com">margarethicks056@gmail.com</a> if you would like to help decorate the church for Easter

Easter Sunday 31st	6 am	<b>SUNRISE AND COMMUNION SERVICE:</b> We will meet outside the Church in darkness and light the Easter fire. As the sun rises we will bring the Easter candle into St Peter's and fill the church with the light of many candles that we each hold, as we celebrate turning from darkness to the light of Christ. After this service we will serve teas/coffees and Bacon rolls (vegetarian option will be available) in the church hall to reward ourselves for getting up so early
	9 am	<b>BREAKFAST PRAISE:</b> Our young families celebrate Easter in our short/interactive Easter Breakfast Praise
	10.30 am	<b>FAMILY COMMUNION:</b> In this service we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with the whole church family



On the anniversary of their death, we give thanks for the life of:

Sheila Brewster (25th),  
Terry Hamlin (28th)



## NOTICES

Come along to **CIRCLE OF PRAYER:** Monday 25th March at 2.30pm. 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. 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 253452)

Do come along to our next **ST. PETER'S COFFEE MORNING:** Bank Holiday Monday 1st April (we've checked - yes it's going ahead) at 10.30am at Squires Garden Centre. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age or gender so join us for a chat. First Monday of the month.

## NOTICES CONTINUED:

### 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.



### 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.

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## 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

