

# St. Peter's Church, Hersham



**8th September 2024**  
**15th Sunday after Trinity**

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

**Today's readings:**

**Old Testament: Proverbs 22.1-2, 8, 9, 22-23**


**New Testament: James 2.1-10 [11-13] 14-17**

**Gospel: Mark 7.24-37**

- 8 am Holy Communion  
No Breakfast Praise today as we will all be on Vauxmead Field (opposite the church) for the...
- 10.30 am Pet Service: The collection from this service will go to Elmbridge CAN, a small charity helping Afghan and Syrian refugees in Elmbridge.
- 4 pm First Holy Communion preparation session in the Women's Institute Hall
- 5 pm Youth led Evening Prayer in church followed by TAG in the Church Hall. TAG is Teenagers and God (our youth group for Year 7 and up). 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Meet for food, fun and fellowship, social events and outings. For more details contact Deborah Lock 01932 703175.

**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.

**THIS WEEK:**

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| Mon 9th    | •  | Parish Office closed   |
| Tues 10th  | 12.30 pm<br>7.45 pm  | Lunchtime Home Group in the Church Hall (see notices)<br>Bell ringers' practice.   |
| Wed 11th   | 10 am<br>8 pm  | Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church<br>Meeting of the Standing Committee   |
| Thurs 12th | 10 am<br><br>2.30 pm<br>7.30 pm<br>8 pm | Pre-School Praise resumes: 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!<br>St. Peter's Fellowship<br>Summer Workshop rehearsal<br>Our men's group are meeting in The Bricklayers Arms, Queen's Road for a drink and a chat. Bring any male friends you feel might like to join in. They don't have to be church attendees. It's a local group - for men. |
| Fri 13th   | •  | Vicar's day-off  |
| Sat 14th   | 7.30 pm  | Gospel Touch Choir concert in church   |

**NEXT SUNDAY: 15 SEPTEMBER****16th Sunday after Trinity**

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| 8 am     | Holy Communion  |
| 9 am     | Breakfast Praise  |
| 10.15 am | God and Friends (GAF) resumes: see notices  |
| 10.30 am | Parish Communion with St. Peter's singers. This summer our singers have been preparing three psalms set to music. The Psalms contain references to wildlife of many varieties so their summer workshop is titled "Wildlife in the Psalms". Do join us for what promises to be a most uplifting service. |
| 4 pm     | First Holy Communion preparation session  |

## NOTICES

Our term-time, **GOD AND FRIENDS (GAF)** group for primary school aged children meet again next Sunday 15 September at 10:15 am in the Church 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.

**LIFE GROUPS RESUME THIS WEEK:** As we grow as a church, we pray that our congregation grows in fellowship, faith and spirituality as well as numerically. We aim to equip everyone as Christians during the whole week, not just on Sundays. You are invited to come along to one of our small life groups which meet regularly to eat, pray and study the bible. We use a simple method of looking at the sermon and bible passage of the week, so there's no homework and you don't have to be an expert. Everyone brings something to eat and we start by sharing a simple meal together. All that's required is a willingness to share, or explore your faith as we grow together in faith, spirituality and fellowship.

**Tuesday Lunchtime:** 12:30pm-1:45pm in the Church Hall beginning Tuesday 10th September Please bring a packed lunch. We will take it in turns to provide fruit and biscuits/cake. Babies, Small Children and those of Retirement Age all very welcome! (We will use the Pre-School Praise toys to keep the small people entertained!) For further information and to sign up, please contact Sarah Dunn, our Children and Families Coordinator: [sarahdunn@stpetershersham.com](mailto:sarahdunn@stpetershersham.com) Dates: 10th and 24th September, 8th and 22nd October, 5th and 19th November and 3rd December.

**Wednesday Evening:** 7.15pm to 9pm starting Wednesday 18th September. Following dates: 2nd, 16th and 30th October, 13th and 27th November and 11th December. If you'd to come along please speak to Jackie [vicar@stpetershersham.com](mailto:vicar@stpetershersham.com) or telephone 01932 227445

**Prayer group:** Did you know that each week after the 10.30 am service a small group of people meet in the Lady Chapel to pray? If you would like to join them at anytime you would be most welcome. You don't have to say anything if you don't feel comfortable praying out loud. If you have any specific prayer requests, either to pray for someone, or something, or also to give thanks to God for something you can ask them to include your requests in their prayers, or you can write your prayer on a leaf on our prayer tree for them to see.

## NOTICES

**GOSPEL TOUCH** will be here on Saturday evening and we're really looking forward to welcoming them (performance starts at 7.30pm on Saturday 14 September, doors open at 7pm). If you are able to provide a



cake or a plate of sandwiches or rolls/wraps for them to enjoy in the interval please contact Sarah in the Parish Office (we are expecting ten performers). They will be here setting up and then singing for us, so their opportunity to have something to eat is limited. Sarah Dunn our children and families' coordinator has finished putting together the



prayer keyrings with the children's prayers for this fundraising concert and they look fantastic! (Each keyring is linked to the prayer of the child who made it). This concert is to raise much needed funds for our children's work so please do bring some money so you can buy a keyring, raffle tickets and drinks.

## 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

