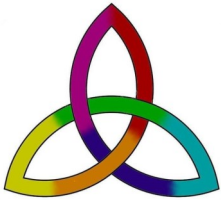


St. Peter's Church, Hershams



**15th September 2024
16th Sunday after Trinity**

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

Today's readings:

Old Testament: Proverbs 1. 20-33


New Testament: James 3.1-12

Gospel: Mark 8.27-38

- 8 am Holy Communion
- 9 am Breakfast Praise in church. A short, fun and interactive service, 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 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.
- 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".

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:

Mon 16		
Tues 17	7.45 pm	Bell ringers' practice.
Wed 18	10 am 7.15 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church Life Group - See notices
Thurs 19	10 am  2.30 pm	Pre-School Praise: 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 in the Women's Institute Hall: Amy Swainston gives a talk on "Suffrage to Sisterhood". The topic is female citizenship.
Fri 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">••	Vicar's day-off Parish Office closed
Sat 21		

NEXT SUNDAY: 22 SEPTEMBER

St. Peters Vision Sunday

8 am	Holy Communion
9 am	Breakfast Praise (see front page)
10.15 am	God and Friends (GAF): see front page
10.30 am	Parish Communion
12:30 pm	Baptism of Reuben

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

LIFE GROUPS: 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. 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 Dates: 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 or telephone 01932 227445

MUSIC CALMS THE SOUL



MUSIC TO CALM THE SOUL returns for the winter months: Starting this month on September 29th at 7pm. Refreshments served from 6.40pm. Join us for an hour or so of soothing sounds and classical music designed to ease

away the stresses and strains of the week. Bathe yourself in the relaxing candlelit atmosphere of our beautiful church and feel your worries drift away. An oasis of calm in a busy world. Bring your friends, a cushion and your slippers. Dates: 29th September, 27th October, 24th November, 26th January, 23rd February and 30th March.

NOTICES



ALTAR FRONTAL: Our heartfelt thanks are extended to the very talented Jon Wainwright who has created this beautiful Altar Frontal to replace the original which was falling apart. Hours of skilled, painstaking work have gone into this, the result of which is truly beautiful. Look out for it as the seasons change.

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

