### St. Peter's Church, Hersham



# 27th October 2024 Last Sunday after Trinity

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

Today's readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-11

New Testament: 2 Timothy 3:14-4.5

Gospel: John 5:36b-47

8 am Holy Communion

9 am Breakfast Praise in church. A short, fun and interactive

service, for young families followed by refreshments.

10:30 am Parish Communion with Baptism of Hari

12.30pm Baptism of Charlotte

7 pm Music to Calm the Soul. 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.

**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 28	2.30 pm	Circle of Prayer (see notices)
Tues 29	• 7.45 pm	Vicar's day-off in lieu of Friday Bell ringers' practice. Anyone interested in learning to ring, please contact David Mealor via the parish office on (01932) 253452 or come up the tower before the 10.30am service on Sundays.
Wed 30		Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church Life Group
Thurs 31	4 pm	St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to the Women's Institute Hall when Tricia Hamilton gives a talk on "What do you want to do with an idea? Act on it, think about it or toss it?" Capture and idea and patent it. A first hand account. Refreshments available.  Light Party starts in the church.  Music group rehearsal in church
Fri I	• 10 am	Parish Office closed Funeral of Mary Martin in church
Sat 2	I0 am	Evangelism Hub (see notices)

#### **NEXT SUNDAY: 3 NOVEMBER**

8 am Holy Communion

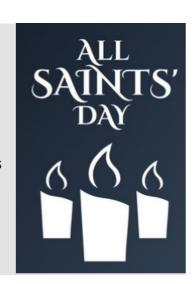
9 am Breakfast Praise (see page one) 10:30 am

Church Family Communion with

Baptism of Florence. Please also pray for Oliver and Amelia as this

will be their first service of

Holy Communion





Come along to **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**: Monday 28 October 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)

#### **EVANGALISM HUB: 2 NOVEMBER**

Evangelism is about ordinary people in their everyday lives sharing their faith in simple ways and we would love to be able to empower everyone to do this. Come along to church on Saturday 2 November to find out more in our first St. Peter's



evangelism hub. This session will be from 10am - 1pm (refreshments served from 9.30am) and it is an opportunity for us to learn, pray and have fellowship together as we consider our role as Christians in our lives outside church Monday to Saturday. We will meet termly as a group to explore how we as Christians can Connect, Model, Order and Mobilise our lives as Christians in our community together. For more details speak to lackie.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** Please make a note of the timings:

Remembrance Sunday: Sunday 10th November

Join us on Remembrance Sunday to commemorate

the people of Hersham who have given their lives in war.

8am: Holy Communion

9am: Breakfast Praise for young families

No God And Friends (GAF) as we'll all be worshipping together at the

10am: All Age Remembrance Service in church

10:50am: Act of Remembrance at The War Memorial,

Hersham Memorial Garden

5 pm Youth led Evening Prayer followed by

Teenagers And God (TAG)

#### ST PETER'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Join us and become part of our Christmas Choir at St Peter's Hersham. Our Carol Service is on Sunday December 15. We sing three carols as well as joining with the congregation for Christmas favourites. Weekly rehearsals for the begin on Thursday choir November and run every Thursday



evening, 7.45pm to 9.15pm in the church, up to the Carol Service. So that's: 7, 14, 21, 28 of November and 5 and 12 December. There will a short rehearsal on the afternoon of the 15 December before the Carol Service at 6.30pm. If you would like to be considered, please contact Lynn Skrzypecka at skrzypecka@inbox.com Lynne looks forward to hearing from you.

#### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

We are very excited to announce that we are creating a Children's \* Choir for Christmas! The choir will be for school aged children and will





sing at our Carol Service at 6:30pm on Sunday 15th December and at other services around Christmas. If your child/children might be interested in joining the choir or you have vocal/ musical talent that you lend to the choir, please speak to Sarah sarahdunn@stpetershersham.com We will rehearse in church on Friday evenings as follows: 5.30pm to 6.30pm November 8, 15, 22, 29 and December 6 and 13.



#### **DESIGN THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CARD:**

We're going to do things a little differently this year and produce Christmas cards for you to give to your neighbours inviting them to come to our Christmas services. If you are 12 years old and under we'd love to receive your entry in the Parish Office before Thursday 14th November. All entries will be displayed in church and two will be used for the front sheet of our Christmas

service sheets as well: Nine lessons and carols and the Nativity on Vauxmead. We will also use them on social media when publicising our weekly services. The winning entry will feature on the front of this year's Christmas card so get creative. We need an A4 landscape design picturing a scene from the nativity. So not Father Christmas and reindeer but something or someone from the Nativity: Baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph, shepherds, the three kings, the star. You know the story. We look forward to receiving your design. Please also put your name and age on the back. Thank you. Once produced the cards will be available after the service on Sunday 1st December for you to take away and invite your neighbours to join us for our Christmas celebrations.

WOMEN'S BREAKFASTS: We shall be meeting between 9am and I Iam (ish) in St Peter's Church Hall on Saturday I4 December (not 25 October or 2nd November). For those of you new to these events, the Women's Breakfasts offer an opportunity for women to meet for a couple of hours of coffee, conversation and a croissant or two (or other, perhaps healthier, food options). They are a time for sharing our news, asking questions (big and small), making friends or



just sitting quietly, away from the bustle of a usual Saturday morning. The Breakfasts are not just for women from the St Peter's church family, we hope other women from our local community will also want to come along, so feel free to bring a friend.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH TRIP TO SPRING HARVEST: Jackie and the Dunn family are going to Skegness Spring Harvest on Monday 7 April - Friday 11 April and would love more of St Peter's Church Family



to come with us. Spring Harvest is a space to find spiritual refreshment, hear God's voice and be inspired to make a difference. With fantastic worship, speakers, children and youth work and all of Butlin's facilities available, we don't know anyone who hasn't enjoyed it! Please speak to Jackie or Sarah Dunn to find out more.



Christmas lunch on Jesus (CLOJ) is a seasonal initiative to deliver quality food hampers to individuals, families and homes in our community who would otherwise struggle to provide a Christmas lunch for their family this Christmas. Last year we made a huge difference to local people by sponsoring, packing and delivering hampers to members of our community who are in desperate need at this time of year. The hampers are packed with Christmas goodies including a turkey, stuffing, carrots, brussel sprouts, potatoes and gravy. If you are able to sponsor the cost of a hamper this year they are £35 each, so please do add you name to the sheet if you are able to support this fantastic initiative and help give a Merry Christmas to those who need it the most.

#### Packing day = Friday 20 December:

Hundreds of volunteers will gather at Tolworth Recreation Centre in order to get the items in the hamper. We'd love to have you with us - it's a fantastic atmosphere, lots of Christmas jumpers and chances to chat.

#### **Delivery Day = Saturday 21 December:**

Pairs of volunteers will deliver hampers to the clients doorstep, most hampers are delivered between 8am and midday. It's a wonderful way to start Christmas proper - reminding people that they are not alone and sharing the joy of Christmas together.

Please see the sign-up sheets at the back of church to sponsor, pack and deliver hampers. Thank you.

Alongside our Breakfast Praise families, we are going to give a question for you to ponder and discuss over coffee and during the week.

This week's question:



Where is your favourite place to read the Bible?

## 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

