

# St. Peter's Church, Hershams

**3rd November 2024**  
**All Saints Day**

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

**Today's readings:**

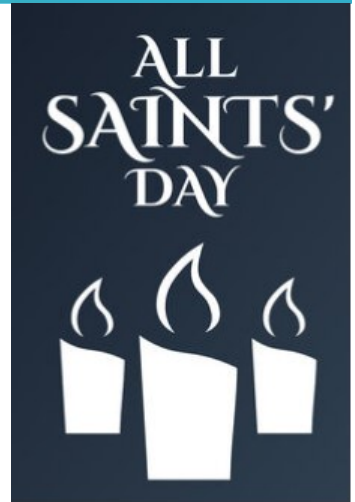
**New Testament: Revelation 21:1-6**

**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

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 Church Family Communion with Baptism of Florence. Please also pray for Oliver and Amelia as this will be their first service of Holy Communion. Stay on afterwards for coffee/tea.



**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 4	10.30 am	Do come along to St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Squires Garden Centre. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age or gender so join us for a chat. First Monday of the month.
Tues 5	12.30 pm	Lunchtime Life Group in the Church Hall
Wed 6	10 am 8 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church Meeting of the Standing Committee
Thurs 7	10 am  2 pm 7.30 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! You are welcome to church for our monthly Thursday Morning Communion held on the first Thursday of each month. Coffee and biscuits will be enjoyed after the service should you wish to stay and catch up with friends. St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to the Women's Institute Hall when Meryl White will talk on baking during World War 2. Refreshments available. First Christmas Choir rehearsal (see notices)
Fri 8	• 5.30 pm	Parish Office closed / Vicar's day-off First Children's Christmas Choir rehearsal (see notices)
Sat 9		

## NEXT SUNDAY: 10 NOVEMBER

## Remembrance Sunday

Join us on Remembrance Sunday to commemorate the people of Hersham who have given their lives in war.

- 8 am            Holy Communion  
9 am            Breakfast Praise (see page one)  
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)



## NOTICES

### 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 choir begin this Thursday 7 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](mailto: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 could lend to the choir, please speak to Sarah Dunn. [sarahdunn@stpetershersham.com](mailto: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.

## NOTICES



### **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.

**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.



# CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON JESUS

[www.christmaslunchonjesus.com](http://www.christmaslunchonjesus.com)

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.

## NOTICES

**WOMEN'S BREAKFASTS:** We shall be meeting between 9am and 11am (ish) in St Peter's Church Hall on **Saturday 14 December**. 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.



SPRING  
HARVEST

## NOTICES

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:



Who have been the saints in your life?

**TEA/COFFEE:** 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 the task. Thank you

## **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

