

St. Peter's Church, Hershams

15th December The Third Sunday of Advent

A very warm welcome
to
St. Peter's Church



Designed by Abigail age 6

Today's readings:

Old Testament: Zephaniah 3:14-end

New Testament: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Luke 3:7-18

- 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 for games, craft, time to reflect on how our Christian faith affects our lives. Final session of this term.
- 10:30 am Parish Communion
- 4.30 pm Choir rehearsal
- 6.30 pm Our traditional candle-lit service of nine lessons and carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

MINCE PIES: Our annual service of nine lessons and carols takes place tonight. If you are able to provide some mince pies for the refreshments afterwards please speak to Lulu (222617) and bring them with you this evening. Thank you.

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	5 pm	Burhill School Christingle Service
Wed 18	10 am	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church
Thurs 19		
Fri 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicar's Day off • Parish Office closed 7.45 pm	Ian Engelmann Singers Christmas Concert
Sat 21		

Week 3: JOY

During Advent instead of a question for Breakfast Praise and to go in the newssheet, we're giving you our advent challenges. Here is this week's challenge and some suggestions of how you might like to fulfil it. Do come up with your own ideas and then chat over coffee about what you did.



How can you share the JOY of Christmas?

- Share a favourite Christmas carol / worship song with friends
- Give thoughtful / useful gift (maybe homemade or pre-loved!) to someone who isn't expecting it.
- Share with your friends why the Birth of Jesus is important to you.

NEXT SUNDAY: 22 DECEMBER: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8 am Holy Communion
 9 am Breakfast Praise (see page one)
 10:30 am Parish Communion

NOTICES

A Christmas concert of music and readings by **THE IAN ENGELMANN SINGERS**. Musical Director: John Tudhope. Organist: Duncan Faulkner. Friday 20 December at 7:45 pm here in St Peter's Church. Admission free. A collection will be taken, and a contribution made to the Sam Beare Hospice Charity. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the concert.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME TO OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Our Nativity at 12 noon on Vauxmead Field (opposite St Peter's Church) with live donkey and sheep. We will go ahead outside come rain, or shine, so please bring appropriate warm clothing.

The Crib Service at 5pm in church: A lovely start to Christmas for young and old. As we sing Christmas carols, the children will help us tell the story of the first Christmas, using our beautiful Crib figures. Children (or adults) may come dressed in a nativity costume if they wish.

Midnight Mass join us at 11.15pm to share the first Holy Communion of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Family Communion at 10.30am: An intergenerational Christmas Communion Service



Our Christmas charity collection this year will go to
THE SHOOTING STAR CHILDREN'S HOSPICES.



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

Eric Cramp (20th)
Frank Hargroves (22nd)

PLANNED GIVING: If you are not already in our planned giving scheme and you would like to join please scan this QR code. If each person who doesn't currently give regularly could commit to give just £20 per month (which is about the cost of a coffee a week), it would make a huge difference. Obviously the more you can give, the more difference it will make, but the most important thing is to give by standing order, or via the parish giving scheme, (details from the QR code) so we can plan for the future. If you are able to gift aid your donations, they are worth 25% more to us at no additional cost to you. Thank you



Designed by Jessica age 10

Celebrate the wise men's visit to Baby Jesus at our Dress-up Epiphany Church Family Service on Sunday 5 January at 10.30am. If you wish, come dressed up as wise men, camels or even sparkly gifts or another excuse to wear your favourite Christmas jumper.

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

