

# St. Peter's Church, Hersham

## 22nd December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

A very warm welcome to  
St. Peter's Church

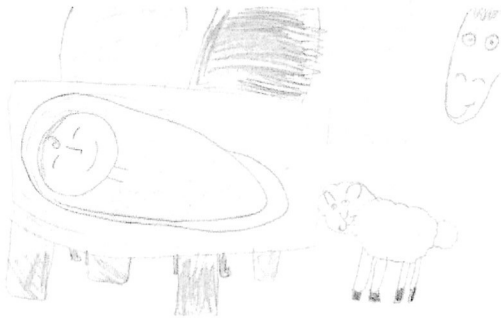
### Today's readings:

Old Testament: Micah 5:2-5a

New Testament: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

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



Designed by Amelia age 8

**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: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED REOPENING 6TH JANUARY.**  
There will not be a pew sheet on Sunday 5th January.

Mon 23		
Tues 24	12 noon	<b>OUR NATIVITY</b> 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.
	5 pm	<b>THE CRIB SERVICE</b> 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.
	11.15 pm	<b>MIDNIGHT MASS</b> join us to share the first Holy Communion of Christmas
Wed 25	10.30 am	<b>FAMILY COMMUNION</b> An intergenerational Christmas Communion Service. <i>Our Christmas charity collection this year will go to the Shooting Star Children's Hospices.</i>
Thurs 26		
Fri 27	•	Vicar's day-off
Sat 28		

### NEXT SUNDAY: 29 DECEMBER: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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



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

Dorothy Rice (6th January)  
Ralph Sidney-Bromhead (8th January)

## NOTICES

### Week 4: PEACE

During Advent instead of a question for Breakfast Praise and to go in the newsheet, 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.



### Create a time of Peace to reflect on the meaning of Christmas.

- Turn off all your devices, turn on the Christmas lights and spend some time on your own or with friends/family thinking about what you enjoy about Christmas. Maybe do this with a hot chocolate/glass of mulled wine!
- Go for a walk and talk to God about Christmas.
- Read or watch the nativity story The Christmas Story for Kids and consider how this relates to your life.
- Light a candle and retell the Christmas story in your own words.

### THIS WEEK:

Mon 30th		There is no circle of prayer today. The next one will be held at 2.30 on the 27th January. A time of stillness where we share different ways of praying. Last Monday of the month. Women's Institute Hall.
Wed 1st	•	Foodbank closed
Thurs 2nd	11 am	You are welcome to join Jackie in church for our monthly Communion service. This service will be held on the first Thursday of each month and coffee and biscuits will be enjoyed afterwards should you wish to stay and have a chat.
	7.30 pm	Music group rehearsal



### FOLLOWING SUNDAY:

5th January  
Epiphany

8 am Holy Communion  
9 am Breakfast Praise  
(see page 1)  
10:30 am Church Family Communion.  
Celebrate the wise men's visit to Baby Jesus at our Dress-up Epiphany service. If you wish, come dressed up as wise men, camels or even sparkly gifts or another excuse to wear your favourite Christmas jumper.



Designed by Jessica age 10

**NOTICES:** Jackie on retreat 5th-10th January inclusive

### Practicing the Way

Be with Jesus  
Become like him  
Do as he did

**LIFE GROUPS NEXT TERM:** Starting in January "Practicing The Way" is an 8 session course on following Jesus in the modern era. For further details contact Jackie: Tel: 01932 227445

Email: [vicar@stpetershersham.com](mailto:vicar@stpetershersham.com)

Sign-up sheets are at the back of church. If you are able to host and/or lead on an additional day there's a sign-up sheet for that too. We'd love to hear from you.

**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. 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

