

# St. Peter's Church, Hershams

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



**26th January 2025  
(The Third Sunday of Epiphany)**

**Today's readings:**

**Old Testament: Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

**New Testament: I Corinthians 12.12-31a**

**Gospel Luke 4.14-21**

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.

10.30 am Parish Communion with an update from our Mission Partners at the Peace and Hope Trust.

7pm Music to calm the Soul: Join us for an hour or so of soothing sounds and classical music designed to ease away the stresses and strains of the week. Bring your friends, a cushion and your slippers. Refreshments served from 6.40pm. Future dates: 23 February and 30 March.



**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 27	2.30 pm 7.30 pm	Circle of Prayer (see notices) Baptism Preparation in church
Tue 28	11 am 7.45 pm	Funeral of Dennis Clark at Randall Park Crematorium Bell ringers' practice. Anyone interested in learning to ring, please contact David Mealor on mealors@btinternet.com
Wed 29	10 am 1 pm 8 pm	Walton and Hershams Foodbank in church Funeral of Colin Robinson in church Meeting of the PCC in the WI Hall
Thurs 30	7.15 pm 7.30 pm	Life Group / The Vicarage Music Group rehearsal
Fri 31	• •	Vicar's day off Parish Office closed
Sat 1		

**NEXT SUNDAY: 2 FEBRUARY**

**Candlemas**

- 8 am Holy Communion
- 9 am Breakfast Praise in church for young families (see page 1)
- 10.30 am Church Family Communion



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

Lucy Knevitt-Smith

## NOTICES:

Come along to **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**: Monday 27 January 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)

**ST. PETER'S FELLOWSHIP** resume their weekly get togethers on Thursday 6 February with Neil Mach talking on 'What is Fantasy Fiction'. Come along to the Women's Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hersham and meet new friends as a warm welcome awaits you. Every Thursday from 2pm to 3.45pm for fun, fellowship and refreshments. The programme is varied and includes: Quizzes / live music / poetry / beetle drives / cream teas / interesting talks from visiting speakers. If you've not been before give it a try. We look forward to welcoming you.



**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:** We shall be meeting between 9am and 11am (ish) in St Peter's Church Hall on the following Saturdays: 22 February, 24 May, 16 August and 1 November. 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. Feel free to bring a friend.



**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.

## BELL-RINGING

We really need some new ringers at St. Peter's and would like you to consider joining the team. Most people can learn to ring bells in the traditional way practiced at St Peter's and about 5,000 other Churches in the UK. Children from age 12 can easily be taught; there are as many female as male ringers.



If you are interested in learning to ring please contact David Mealor on 07484 225951 or email [mealors@btinternet.com](mailto:mealors@btinternet.com)

## 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

