

St. Peter's Church, Hershams



A very warm welcome to St. Peter's Church

2nd February 2025 Presentation of Christ in the Temple Candlemas

Todays' readings:

Old Testament: Malachi 3.1-5

New Testament: Hebrews 2.14-end

Gospel Luke 2.22-40


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

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 3	10.30 am 7.30 pm	Do come along to St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Hersham Centre for the Community, Queens Road. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age or gender so join us for a chat. First Monday of the month. Baptism Preparation in church
Tue 4	• 7.45 pm	Vicar's day off in lieu of Friday Bell ringers' practice. Anyone interested in learning to ring, please contact David Mealor on mealors@btinternet.com
Wed 5	10 am 7.15 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church Life Group / West Grove
Thurs 6	11 am  2 pm 7.15 pm	You are welcome to church for our monthly Thursday Morning Communion service 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 resume their weekly get togethers 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. Life Group / The Vicarage
Fri 7	•	Parish Office closed



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

Coral Trickey (5th)
Anthony Bailey (6th)

For those of you who knew Ron Spencer, we are sorry to inform you that he died in December. Jackie will be interring his ashes at Burvale on Monday 24 February at 2.30pm and you are welcome to attend.

NEXT SUNDAY: 9 FEBRUARY

4th Sunday before Lent

- 8 am Holy Communion
- 9 am Breakfast Praise in church for young families (see page 1)
- 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
- 5 pm Youth led Evening Prayer in church followed by TAG (Teenagers and God) our youth group for Year 7 and up. 2nd Sunday of the month. Meet for food, fun and fellowship, social events and outings. For more details contact Deborah Lock 01932 703175

NOTICES:



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.

Our Christmas charity collection this year went to **THE SHOOTING STAR CHILDREN'S HOSPICES**. They help families make every moment count by supporting them from diagnosis to end of life with a range of nursing, practical, emotional, and medical care. All donations collected from the buckets and online on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were sent totalling £ 1,987.80p. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.



As you may be aware, the **ELECTORAL ROLL** is completely renewed every six years and the next new roll is due this year. Each person entitled to have his or her name entered on the new roll must complete a new form which will be available in church and from the parish office from March. The Electoral Roll is St. Peter's church's register of electors. In the same way that being on the civic electoral roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and local elections, joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Sunday 25 May following the 10:30am service) and stand for election to the PCC. Being on the Electoral Roll does NOT make you a "member" of our Church; simply regarding St. Peter's Church as your spiritual home does that. Joining the roll is an important statement of witness. With your name on the electoral roll, the strength of our Church can be seen in our local area, and across the Diocese. If you're a regular at St. Peter's Church, you should be on the electoral roll! To apply for the Electoral Roll you must meet ALL the following conditions:

- You must be aged 16 or over (though you can apply in the year you become 16 and your name will be entered once your birth date has passed).
- You must be baptised.
- You must be a member of the Church of England and EITHER live in the parish OR have attended St. Peter's Church regularly for at least six months.

More information to follow...

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

