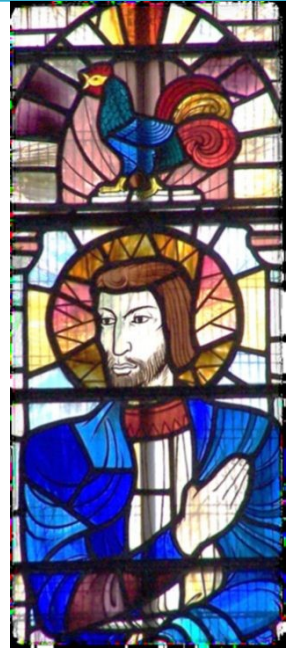


St. Peter's Church, Hershams

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

**16th February 2025
Third Sunday before Lent**



Today's readings:

Old Testament: Jeremiah 17.5-10

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15.12-20

Gospel Luke 6.17-26

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

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: Vicar on leave Monday - Wednesday inclusive

Mon 17	11 am	Visiting ringers attempting a quarter peal
Tue 18	7.45 pm	Bell ringers' practice. Anyone interested in learning to ring, please contact David Mealor on mealors@btinternet.com
Wed 19	10 am	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church
Thurs 20	2 pm	St. Peter's Fellowship are joined by Judy Condie who will talk on "Solo backpacking 30,000 miles around Australia and beyond after losing her husband, mother and dog all within months of each other". Women's Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hersham. A warm welcome awaits you.
Fri 21	•	Parish Office closed
Sat 22	9am	Women's Breakfast (see notices)

NEXT SUNDAY: 23 FEBRUARY

2nd 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) (see page 1)
- 10.30 am Parish Communion
- 12.30 pm Baptism of Masie and Louie
- 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. Last date of the winter months: 30 March.

PALM CROSSES: Please bring back your Palm Crosses from last year, by Sunday 2 March, so that we can burn them to produce ashes for the Ash Wednesday Holy Communion service at 7.30pm on 5 March. Come along and receive the sign of the cross.



NOTICES:



HELP NEEDED: Jonathan Atkinson needs somewhere to lodge from March until mid June. He is moving to Devon this year and will hopefully complete his house purchase in February/early March, but he needs a place to stay locally to lay his head until Kieren (his son) completes his GCSEs. Does anyone have a spare room who could help Jonathan? If so please get in touch via the parish office or with Jonathan directly. Thank 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.

This year's World Day of Prayer has been written by the women of the Cook Islands. You are invited to take part on **Friday 7 March at 1:30pm in All Saints Church.** Please join us for refreshments afterwards



We are delighted to welcome back **THE IAN ENGELMANN SINGERS** to St. Peter's Church for their Spring Concert at 7 pm on Saturday 8 March. Sacred and secular music from the sixteenth to the twentieth century for unaccompanied voices, with seasonal readings. Including works by Benjamin Britten, William Byrd, Gerald Finzi, Claudio Monteverdi, Orlando di Lasso and Gustav Holst. Admission free: There will be a retiring collection to defray expenses.

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) 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

