

# St. Peter's Church, Hershams

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

**6th April 2025  
5th Sunday of Lent**



**Today's readings:**

**New Testament: Philippians 3.4b-14**

**Gospel John 12.1-8**

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

**DAFFODILS:** After today's services we will be giving bunches of daffodils with our Happy Easter wishes to people in our community. Thank you to everyone who donated to make this random act of kindness possible. Do wear one of our lovely new St Peter's Church T-Shirts and come and join us in town as we spread some Easter joy in our parish.

**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: JACKIE AT SPRING HARVEST 7-11 APRIL INCLUSIVE**

Mon 7	10.30 am	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.
Tues 8	11 am 12.30 pm 7.45 pm	Funeral of Jennie Leech in church (Revd Jonny Blair) Lunchtime Life Group / Burhill Road Bell ringers' practice.
Wed 9	10 am 7.15 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church Life Group / West Grove
Thurs 10	2 pm 7.30 pm 8 pm	St. Peter's Fellowship welcome Wendy Piccinini who will give an update on "The work of the Leprosy Mission." Come along to the Women's Institute Hall, 4 Burhill Road, Hersham. Refreshments available. Music Group Rehearsal Our Men's Group are meeting in The Bricklayers Arms, Queen's Road for a drink and a chat. Bring any male friends you feel might like to join in. They don't have to be church attendees. It's a local group - for men.
Fri 11	•	Parish Office closed



**EASTER INVITATION:** In your news sheet you will find an invitation to our Easter services. Please give it to a friend or neighbour and invite them to come along.

## NEXT SUNDAY: 13 April / Palm Sunday



8 am Holy Communion

9 am Breakfast Praise (see front page)

**10.15 am**

Those who wish to join the Palm Sunday procession to church meet on Hershams Green for the Palm Sunday greeting and the gospel of the Palms before joining those in St Peter's at 10.30am for our Parish Communion

4pm Church in The Churchyard

Do come along to the churchyard for this new and exciting service.

During the summer months we will be holding a creative, intergenerational service in the Churchyard on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We begin this month with an Easter Experience. This is suitable for young and old, but please note we will be moving around in the Churchyard. Dates for your diary:

April 13 The Easter Experience

May 11 The Pentecost Experience

June 8 Creation

July 13 Christ The Cornerstone

August 10 More details to follow (8pm)

## NOTICES:

**TEA/COFFEE:** There are a lot of gaps so please have a look at the rota and see when you might be able to help. This is an important part of our welcome so if you would like to help provide this valuable opportunity for fellowship on future Sundays please shadow someone on the rota and they will show you what to do. You will then be able to sign-up and help share this enjoyable and worthwhile task.



## NOTICES:

**CONFIRMATION:** This year we are delighted to be hosting Bishop Andrew and the Deanery Confirmation service at St Peter's at 5pm Sunday 22 June. During May and June, we will be holding Confirmation Preparation courses for adults and also young people aged 11+ years, who attend and worship at St Peter's Church. If you are interested and feel ready to make this commitment, then please do speak to Deborah Lock (Licensed Lay Minister LLM), who will lead the course for young people, or Jackie: [vicar@stpetershersham.com](mailto:vicar@stpetershersham.com)

### **Preparation dates for adults**

28 May Vicarage 8 - 9.30pm

4 June Vicarage 8 - 9.30pm

15 June in church 3 - 5pm

### **Preparation dates for young people**

11 May Women's Institute Hall (WI) 4 - 5.30pm (pick up from church)

25 May WI Hall 4 - 5pm

1 June WI Hall 4 - 5pm

and 15 June in Church 4 - 5pm

The young people need to attend each session, so please discuss with Deborah if there are any issues with the dates. Also please do contact Deborah: [debslock@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:debslock@yahoo.co.uk) if you also want to find out further details about the course.



Our **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 is available in church, on the website and from the parish office. 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. If you're a regular at St. Peter's Church, you should be on the electoral roll!

We also hope that you will connect with our ministry and mission by either joining a home group, volunteering in some way in our ministry and mission, or supporting our work and ministry financially.

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.

**Please complete a form today and leave it in the Parish Office pigeon hole in church or post it in the Parish Office post box, outside the Church Hall.**

# Easter Word Search

Angel	Lent
Betray	Love
Cave	Mary
Church	Messiah
Cross	Miracle
Crown of Thorns	nails
Crucify	Peter
Easter	Prayer
Empty Tomb	Rejoice
Faith	Resurrection
Good Friday	Risen
Holy	Salvation
Hope	Son of God
Jesus	Saviour
Judas	Temple
Lamb	Third Day
King	Thorns
Last Supper	Tomb

One of these words is included twice. If you find the repeated word please bring your completed wordsearch to the Parish Office by 13th April. If your entry is drawn from all the correct answers you'll win a prize. Good luck!

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# Easter Services



17 April **Maundy Thursday:**  
8pm – Holy Communion

18 April **Good Friday:**  
10am – All Age Worship  
Followed by Walk of Witness  
11am – Service on The Green  
Followed by hot cross buns in  
St. Peter's Church Hall

2pm – An hour at The Cross

20 April **Easter Day:**  
5.45am – Sunrise Service

9am Breakfast Praise for young families

10.30am – Family Communion

## 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

