

# St. Peter's Church, Hersham

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

**13th April 2025  
Palm Sunday**



8 am Holy Communion

9 am Breakfast Praise in church. A short, fun and interactive service, in church for young families followed by refreshments.

**10.15 am** Those who wish to join the Palm Sunday procession to church meet on Hersham 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 months with an Easter Experience. This is suitable for young and old, but please note we will be moving around in the Churchyard.

Additional dates for your diary:

May 11


June 8

July 13

August 10

**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 14	8 pm	Tenebrae Service of Shadows: We will be joined by our music group, for a beautiful Tenebrae service. The word Tenebrae is the Latin word for 'darkness', or 'shadows' and during the service after each reading and piece of music a candle will be extinguished. The atmosphere at this service is always very moving so do come.
		
Tues 15	11 am	Service at Burwood Grange care home
Wed 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul> 10 am	Vicar's day off in lieu of Friday Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church
Maundy Thursday 17	Morning 2 pm  8 pm	Jackie at The Cathedral St. Peter's Fellowship invite you to bring and read your favourite poem. Women's Institute Hall. Our Maundy Thursday communion service with foot washing (we already have volunteers for this), followed by the stripping of the altar. You may leave after the service, or stay for The Watch (until 10 pm).
Good Friday 18	10 am          2 pm	All Age Worship: Our short all age service will be followed by a Walk of Witness through Hersham following the cross to the Memorial Gardens, stopping at All Saints church on the way. This will be followed by Hot Cross Buns in St. Peter's Church Hall. Children/buggies all very welcome. If you can't manage the walk and need to come to the hall straight after the service, we will have things ready and there will be a warm welcome and a chair!  Our stations of the cross service in church leads us to Jesus' last hour at the cross with hymns and readings

Easter Sunday 20	5.45 am	<b>SUNRISE AND COMMUNION SERVICE:</b> We will meet outside the Church in darkness and light the Easter fire. As the sun rises we will bring the Easter candle into St Peter's and fill the church with the light of many candles that we each hold, as we celebrate turning from darkness to the light of Christ. After this service we will serve teas/coffees and bacon rolls (vegetarian option will be available) in the church hall to reward ourselves for getting up so early
	9 am	<b>BREAKFAST PRAISE:</b> Our young families celebrate Easter in our short/ interactive Easter Breakfast Praise
	10.30 am	<b>FAMILY COMMUNION:</b> In this service we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with the whole church family

## NOTICES

Our **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. There are certain conditions you must meet but these are all highlighted on the form. 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. You have until the 8th May to complete a form. Please leave it in the Parish Office pigeon hole in church or post it in the Parish Office post box, outside the Church Hall.

**BREAKFAST PRAISE:** If you'd like to join our helpful support team for this service please speak to Vicki after the 8am service or email her at [vicki.routh@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.routh@gmail.com) Your role would include setting up the space and coffee before the service, being an extra pair of hands to keep everyone safe and clearing down at the end. If you'd prefer to help with leading the singing and stories we'd also like to hear from you. Come and join the fun!

## NOTICES CONTINUED:

**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.

## 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

