

St. Peter's Church, Hersham

27th April 2025
The Second Sunday of
Easter



A very warm welcome to
St. Peter's Church

Readings:

First Reading: Acts 5.27-32

New Testament: Revelation 1.4-8

Gospel: John 20.19-end

We welcome The Revd Barry Hengist who is going to preside and preach at our 8am and 10.30am services today.

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 gluten free wafers 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 is on her post Easter break returning to work on Saturday 10th May

Mon 28	2.30 pm	Circle of Prayer: Join us for a prayerful, peaceful afternoon of fellowship, where we typically reflect on a reading, talk about what it means to us and spend some time together in silent prayer. We finish with a cup of tea and a chat. We meet at 2:30pm - 3:45pm in the W.I. hall on the last Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome!
Tues 29	7.45 pm	Bell ringers' practice
Wed 30	10 am 8 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church Meeting of the PCC in the Women's Institute Hall
Thurs 1	11 am 2.30 pm 7.30 pm	You are welcome to church when we welcome The Revd Richard Truss who will preside and preach at our monthly Thursday Morning Communion service (held on the first Thursday of each month). Coffee and biscuits will be enjoyed after the service so please do come along and say hello to Richard. St. Peter's Fellowship Annual General Meeting in the Women's Institute Hall. Music Group rehearsal
Friday 2	•	Parish Office closed

NEXT SUNDAY: 4 MAY

The Third Sunday of Easter

8 am Holy Communion
 9 am Breakfast Praise in church - (see front page)
 10.30 am Church Family Worship

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 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

EVANGALISM HUB: SATURDAY 17 MAY. Evangelism is about ordinary people in their everyday lives sharing their faith in simple ways and we would love to be able to empower everyone to do this. Come along to church on Saturday 17 May to find out more in our evangelism hub. This session will be from 10am – 1pm (refreshments served from 9.30am) and it is an opportunity for us to learn, pray and have fellowship together as we consider our role as Christians in our lives outside church Monday to Saturday. We will meet termly as a group to explore how we as Christians can Connect, Model, Order and Mobilise our lives as Christians in our community together.

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

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 if you also want to find out further details about the course.

NOTICES CONTINUED:

LIFE GROUPS NEXT TERM: Starting in May we are following on from “Practicing The Way” with four sessions which include videos and readings to explore more about the practice of prayer. Learning to set aside dedicated time to intentionally be with God. Tuesday lunchtime is full but there are still spaces on Wednesday evenings from 7.15pm to 9pm starting on 7 May (there’s a sign-up sheet at the back of church). We will meet every two weeks during the summer term, ending with a joint celebration on the 16th July. We will follow the same format as before in that everyone brings something to eat and we start by sharing a simple meal together. For more information, please contact the Parish Office ☎ (01932) 253452 ✉ theoffice@stpetershersham.com If you are able to host and/or lead on an additional day there’s a sign-up sheet for that too. We’d love to hear from you.

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. Please leave it in the Parish Office pigeon hole in church or post it in the Parish Office post box, outside the Church Hall.

You need to have completed your form by Thursday 8th May.

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

