

St. Peter's Church, Hersham

30 November 2025
Advent Sunday

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




Readings:

First Reading:	Isaiah 2.1-5	OT 641
Second Reading:	Romans 13.11-end	NT 158
Gospel:	Matthew 24.36-44	NT 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 to get to know God and each other while having fun! Games, craft, time to reflect on how our Christian faith affects our lives.
10.30 am	Parish Communion
7 pm	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. Additional dates: 25 January and 22 February.

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:

Mon 1	•	Vicar off-duty
Tue 2	12.30 pm 7.45 pm	Lunchtime Life Group / Burhill Road Bell ringers' practice: If you are interested in learning to ring please contact David Mealor on 07484 225951 or email mealors@btinternet.com
Wed 3	10 am 7.30 pm	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church The Bible Course inn church
Thurs 4	10 am Tots Praise 11 am 2 pm 7.30 pm	 <p>Thursday Morning Communion (see notices)</p> <p>St. Peter's Fellowship Christmas party in the Women's Institute Hall.</p> <p>Christmas Choir rehearsals in church</p>
Fri 5	• •	Vicar off-duty Parish Office closed

8 am	Holy Communion
9 am	Breakfast Praise (see page one)
10.30 am	Church Family Communion

NOTICES:

You are welcome to church on Thursday 4 December at 11am for our monthly **THURSDAY MORNING COMMUNION** service held on the first Thursday of each month. Coffee and biscuits will be served afterwards should you wish to stay and have a chat. The first Thursday of 2026 is New Year's Day and so our regular attendees of this service have agreed we will not meet then, but will resume on 5 February.

EASYFUNDRAISING - How you can help the Friends of St Peter's projects without costing you a penny?

You can help fund the Friends mural restoration project through your on-line spending and is an easy way to raise funds without costing you. Easyfundraising, is the UK's biggest charity shopping site. Easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 brands (e.g. Marks and Spencer, Sainsburys, Tesco, British Airways, Tui, John Lewis, go compare to name a few) who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It does not cost you anything, as the cost is covered by the brand. If you would like to help, please go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>. Once you have registered an account, then you are able to select the causes you would like to support – to find us type in Hersham PCC. You should then be all set to go! So before you shop on-line go first to Easyfundraising and find the brand and go from there to the brands website and you can help the Friends' project through your purchases. There is also an app available which you can download from the Apple or Google play stores if that works better for you. Thanks for your support

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the Gospel Touch concert on the 22 November. It was a joyous evening and it was wonderful to see everyone singing, dancing and enjoying themselves. The choir have also been in touch to say that the atmosphere was incredible, and it was an honour

for them to help bring that joyful energy to the church. A huge thank you to all those marvellous volunteers who sold tickets, ran the bar, managed the raffle, procured prizes and to everyone who tidied the church afterwards and got it service ready for Sunday. Thank you also to those kind people who took boxes of glasses home to wash. A special thank you to the charity of Robert Phillips for their sponsorship, to the person who paid for the wine and to the kind and generous soul who made a donation of £2,500 to increase the total made from £5,325 to a very impressive £7,825. This money will go towards the St. Peter's Church Community café project which will be run on a "pay what you can, if you can" basis and is open to all.

GOSPEL TOUCH CHOIR

Touching Lives



MINCE PIES: Our annual service of nine lessons and carols takes place on 21 December (see back page). If you are able to provide some mince pies (usual size or small bite size pies) for the refreshments afterwards please speak to Lulu (222617) or bring them to church with you on Sundays or leave them in the Parish Office. Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING: If you are not already in our planned giving scheme and you would like to join please scan this QR code. If each person who doesn't currently give regularly could commit to give just £20 per month (which is about the cost of a coffee a week), it would make a huge difference.



HELP US PROMOTE OUR CHURCH



- We're growing our online presence! We are launching a renewed effort on Facebook and Instagram to share our news, highlight community life, and reach those who might not yet know us - or God's love.
- Why we're doing this: In today's world, many people first meet a church online. By sharing our events and uplifting stories, we can invite more people to discover our community and deepen their faith.
- How you can help: Please follow our pages, and whenever you see a post - like it, comment, and share it. These simple actions help more people see our messages and feel connected.
- Every click makes a difference. The more engagement we have, the more our posts reach local people who might be searching for a place to belong, or to explore their faith.



Find and follow us! Please look for St Peters Hersham on Facebook and Instagram, invite your family and friends to follow too, and keep interacting with our posts - it's one of the easiest ways to share our faith and community online. Thank you!

ST. PETER'S WEBSITE: WWW.STPETERSHERSHAM.COM

A great way to keep yourself (and your family and friends) updated with what's going on at St. Peter's is through our website. It's packed full of useful information so do go online and take a look. There are details of upcoming events, our services, groups and courses, plus previous news sheets should you want to catch up on anything you've missed. It really is a great way to let people know what we have to offer so do share the website address with people you know.

We have been asked by the newly formed
HERSHAM COMMUNITY GROUP
to promote this event that they are organising.



CHRISTMAS IN HERSHAM SATURDAY 6th DEC

4pm ON THE GREEN

Carols around the tree • Switching on the lights

**Followed by a community Christmas gathering at
HERSHAM CENTRE FOR THE COMMUNITY
until 7.30pm - this year featuring:**

**Prizes for the best Christmas outfit / jumper
(including a parent and child prize)**

Mince pies / mulled wine / soft drinks etc. available

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE

Organised by the newly formed Hershams Community Group



We have two **CHRISTINGLE SERVICES** for you to choose from this year:

On Friday 12 at 10.30am St. Peter's and the Treble Clef Choir will be joining forces to deliver an intergenerational Christingle and carols event at the Hersham Centre for the Community.

Do come to church on Saturday 13 December starting at 9.30am if you would like to help dress the **CHRISTMAS TREE**. All decorations will be available. Also between 10am and 12 noon we will be preparing the **CHRISTINGLES** for our service on Sunday 14 December at 4pm (see below) and we would love you to help us. This activity is great fun made all the more enticing by the offer of mince pies and carols. Do come along, it will be a fun morning.



Join us in church on Sunday 14th December at 4pm for **CHRISTINGLE**, a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope.

Carols for Choir & Audience: A Christmas Concert of Music and Readings by **THE IAN ENGELMANN SINGERS**. Musical Director: John Tudhope. Organist: Duncan Faulkner. Friday 12 December at 7:45 pm here in St Peter's Church. Admission free. A collection will be taken, and a contribution made to the Sam Beare Hospice Charity. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the Women's Institute Hall after the Concert.

CHRISTMAS



AT



ST. PETER'S, HERSHAM

Sunday 21st December

6.30pm - Candlelit Carol Service of nine lessons and carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve

12pm - Nativity on Vauxmead with live donkey

5pm - Crib service in church for young and old with carols and the story of the first Christmas

11.15pm - Midnight mass

Christmas Day

10.30am - Family Communion



The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

John 1:14

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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

