

# St. Peter's Church, Hersham

**7 December 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

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



## **Readings:**

**First Reading:**      **Isaiah 11.1-10**      **OT 650**

**Second Reading:**   **Romans 15.4-13**      **NT 159**

**Gospel:**              **Matthew 3.1-12**      **NT 2**



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

**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 8		
Tue 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>7.45 pm</li></ul>	Vicar's day off Bell ringers' practice: If you are interested in learning to ring please contact David Mealor on 07484 225951 or email mealors@btinternet.com
Wed 10	10 am	Walton and Hersham Foodbank in church
Thurs 11	<div>10 am</div> <div>Tots Praise</div> <div>7.30 pm</div> <div>8 pm</div>	<div><p><b>TOTS PRAISE</b> FOR 0-4 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR CARERS</p><p>AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH HALL BURWOOD ROAD, HERSHAM KT12 4AA</p><p><b>THURSDAYS 10-11.30AM</b> during term time</p><p>Join us for songs, stories, instruments and refreshments</p><p>Free of Charge and no need to book!</p><p>children@stpetershersham.com</p></div> <div></div> <div>Christmas Choir rehearsals in church Our Men's Group are meeting in The Bricklayers Arms, 6 Queens Road, Hersham 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 to have a discussion and get to know one another better.</div>
Fri 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>10.30 am</li><li>7.45 pm</li></ul>	Parish Office closed Christingle and Carols at Hersham Centre for the Community (see notices on page 6) Ian Engelmann Singers Christmas Concert (see notices on page 6)

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
4 pm	Christingle (see notices on page 6)

**NOTICES:****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

## NOTICES:

**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. Obviously the more you can give, the more difference it will make, but the most important thing is to give by standing order, or via the parish giving scheme, (details from the QR code) so we can plan for the future. If you are able to gift aid your donations, they are worth 25% more to us at no additional cost to you. Thank you.

**ARE YOU GOING TO THE DUMP?** If anyone is planning to go to the dump in the next few weeks would you please consider taking the small plastic slide which has been outside the church hall for months? It comes apart so you don't need a van or a large car. It's been offered to anyone who wants it, but no one does and we need it removed. Thank you very much.



## 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](http://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.

## NOTICES:

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.



## Foodbank opening Hours Christmas 2025

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> December, St Andrews 1-3pm

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> December, St Peters 10-12pm

*Christmas day - Closed*

*Boxing day - Closed*

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> December, St Andrews 1-3pm

*New Years Eve - Closed*

*New Years Day - Closed*

Frid 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 - St Johns, 10-12pm

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> January - St Andrews 12-2pm\*

*\*(New opening time for 2026)*

[www.waltonhershams.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.waltonhershams.foodbank.org.uk)

# CHRISTMAS



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## ST. PETER'S, HERSHAM

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

